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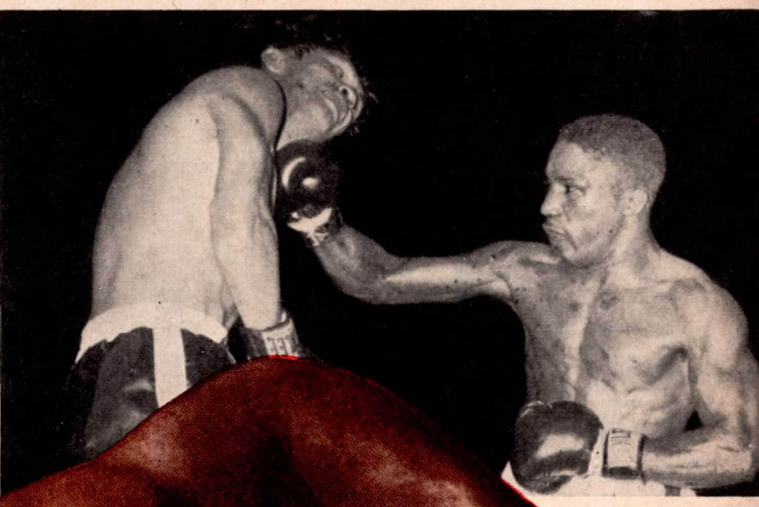

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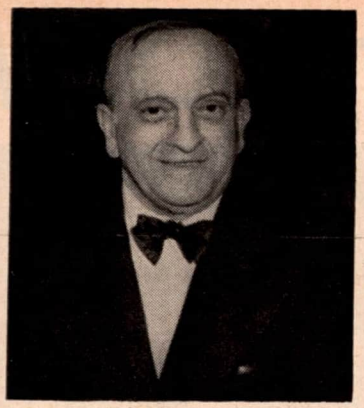

NAT FLEISCHER

Says

THE folly of exploiting junior championships was established in the return lightweight title match in San Francisco with the second knockout in succession of Harold Gomes of Providence by Flash Elorde.

Harold, who won the crown in his fight with Paul Jorgensen, of Texas, and lost it to Elorde in Manila by a knockout, lasted only 1:20 of the opening round in the California engagement. Dropped seven times before losing his championship in their first encounter in the seventh round, Gomes was decked twice in San Francisco.

As has been pointed out here, junior champions can make the weight in the class below the junior division. Thus when Kenny Lane and Carlos Ortiz fought in New York for the newly contrived "world junior welterweight crown", each announced that if successful, he would challenge for the lightweight title. When Elorde knocked out Gomes in California, he declared himself entitled to a shot at Joey Brown's lightweight title.

Why have junior classes when those involved persist in challenging for the crown in the next higher division?

The National Boxing Association and the New York Commission, which revived the junior lightweight and welterweight divisions, alleged that top rated men could not make the featherweight or lightweight limits because of weight problems.

They explained that some highly rated boxers are thereby deprived of a chance to win a world crown since taking off a few pounds would be injurious to their health. Giving away too many pounds is bad business.

However, it hasn't worked out that way. There is no handicap the juniors cannot hurdle without endangering health. There is not enough top talent in all boxing divisions to justify the formation of junior classes.

Why operate synthetic divisions when the champions persistently challenge the holders of the titles in the legitimate divisions?

In Europe, where Dulio Loi and Carlos Ortiz were matched for Ortiz' junior welter crown, the Italian Federation offered the post of referee to Teddy Waltham, Secretary of the British Board of Boxing Control. Since that body does not recognize the title, Teddy turned down the offer.

It is time for the National Boxing Association, the New York Commission and all other bodies to quit meddling with rank innovations at a time when boxing needs so much top talent in legitimate, standard classes. Politics should cease interfering in our national boxing scheme.

PATTERSON'S STAND AGAINST PRESS IS UNWARRANTED

One can readily understand why a boxer of prominence would be peeved at harsh criticism which he feels he doesn't deserve. But when one goes out of his way to attack the press, as in the case of Floyd Patterson, for having given him "no chance to regain the heavyweight crown", his complaint is unwarranted.

Wherever Floyd, who did so admirable a job in regaining the title from Ingemar Johansson, has made a public appearance since winning back the throne, he has been bitter in his attack on those who picked the Swede.

Let's look at the picture. This wasn't the first time that a defending title holder had received wide support based on past performance. Those "guilty" of having picked the Swede had ample reason to feel that their choice was an eminently proper one.

Hadn't Ingemar put Floyd down seven times in their first fight, to win the crown by a knockout?

Hadn't there been an almost unanimous backing for Patterson to knock out Johansson when they first fought?

It would have been silly for Patterson to criticize those who favored him on that occasion. Unless one cared to gamble on a good guess, he had to figure the odds against Floyd for the second engagement on the basis of the first fight.

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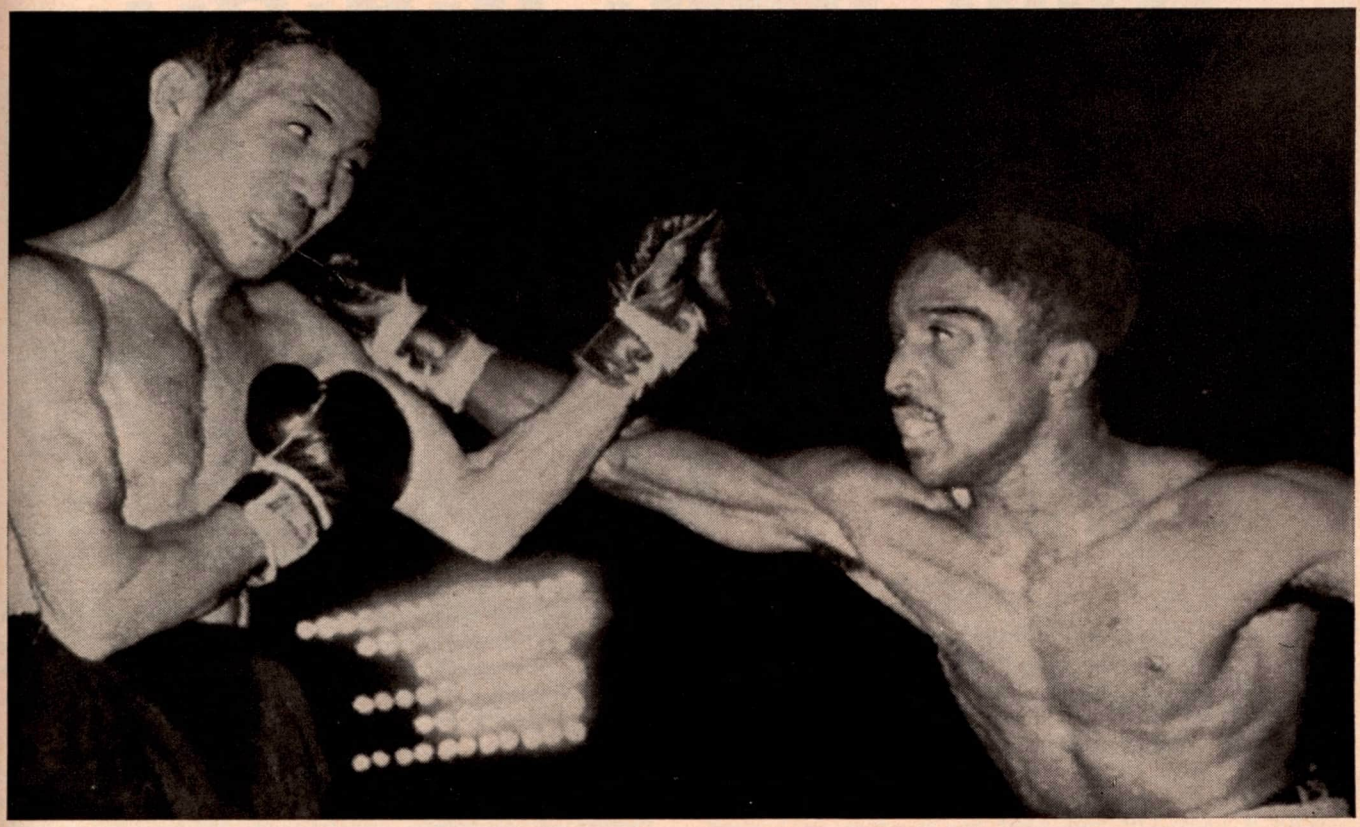

Featherweight champion Davey Moore drives a long right to the side of the head of challenger Kazuo Takayama during the fifth round of their bout at Tokyo, Japan. In the early going Kazuo was able to keep Moore off with his longer reach but as the fight progressed Davey wore his man down with a persistent body attack and delt him a cruel beating over the last four rounds.

American Looks Impressive in Successful Defense of Featherweight Title In Japan

by RITCHIE INOUYE

RINGSIDE Tokyo, Japan . . . World featherweight champion Davey Moore of Springfield, Ohio, U.S.A., had not looked too impressive in his gym drills but he left no doubt to his real ability as he punched his way to a unanimous fifteen round decision over Japan's challenger Kazuo Takayama before 20,000 fans in the Korakuen Baseball Stadium and many millions who watched the fight on television.

Moore, making his debut in the Orient, carried the fight to our champion from the opening round but was unable to floor him although time and time again his stiff jolts to the body had Kazuo gasping and holding on. Many in the vast stadium, including Moore, thought the fight was stopped in the thirteenth round when Referee Jimmy Wilson stepped between the men as Davey was belting away with both hands with Takayama trapped against the ropes, and led him to his corner. However, Wilson said he heard the bell ring ending the round. Neither fighter had heard it.

Nevertheless, Takayama made a showing to be proud of, Moore was the odds on favorite and most of the experts picked him to win by a knockout. Not having seen the champion in action before it is hard to judge if he has lost any of his sharpness due to the broken jaw he received last spring when he was kayoed by Carlos Hernandez in Venezuela.

At the featherweight limit on the nose, 126, Moore had a pound pull in the weights over his twenty-three year old challenger. From the outset Davey was in command as he would weave under the jabs of his long armed foe and slash away at the mid-section with both hands. Little by little he was able to pile up points during the first six rounds, but was unable to hurt Kazuo, who was still moving at top speed. At times Kazuo was able to make Davey miss by a large margin, with the champ's blows so wide of their mark as to appear poorly delivered. These misses brought cheers from the partisan crowd for their local idol as he outjabbed the champion. In the fourth round Takayama held his own with Moore in a spirited exchange.

The seventh round saw Moore's attack stepped up and for the first time he hurt his foe with a solid left hook to the body that caused Kazuo to wince and fall into a clinch. Sensing that he had his foe in trouble Davey piled in blasting away with both hands but he was unable to finish his man. He scored many damaging blows during the next two rounds and a slight cut was opened near Takayama's left eye in the ninth and blood started to flow from his nose.

Kazuo rallied in the tenth and the early part of the eleventh round but it was short lived as Davey came on strong in the final minute of the latter round

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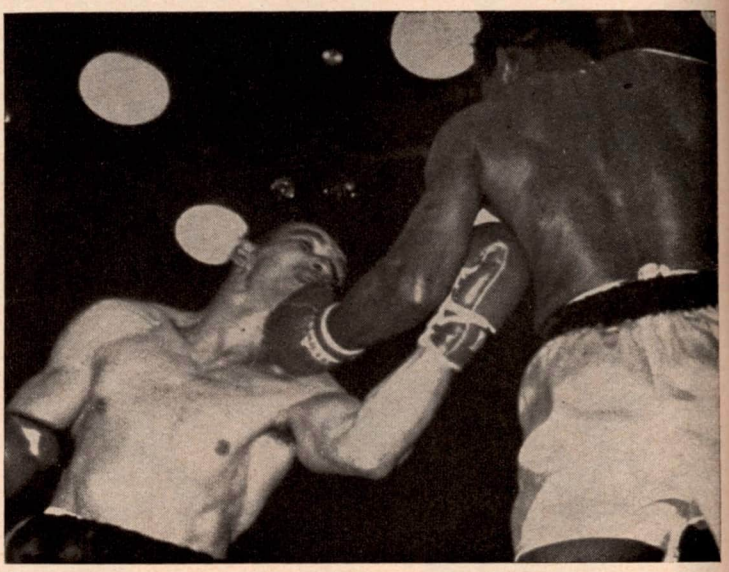
What Now, N.B.A.?

Will New President, Dave Ott, Emulate Strange Antics Of Predecessors?

By

DAN DANIEL



Sugar Ray Robinson delivers the left hook that kayoed Gene Fullmer and regained the title for him back in 1957. Should Ray repeat in their next fight, the N.B.A. will find themselves with a champion, whom they unfrocked last year.

WHILE visiting in Cleveland recently I investigated the state of boxing in that city in particular, and in Ohio in general. The report was not good. Cleveland has a Boxing Commission, but no fights.

In its recent annual meeting in Mexico City, the National Boxing Association elected Dave Ott, chief of the Cleveland Commission, president to succeed Anthony Maceroni.

Who is Dave Ott and what has he done in boxing? I sought this information of a veteran sports writer in Cleveland.

"Ott is a nice guy," my informant replied. *"He long has headed the local Commission. He is not the aggressive type. Fact is, I don't know very much about him because there is nothing for Ott to do around here. I think he is in the coal business.*

"Ott will not chase around the world on junkets the way Maceroni did while he was president. Yes, Ott is a nice guy. What is he supposed to do for the N.B.A.?"

Now, this was a splendid question. What is Ott supposed to do as chief of the N.B.A.?

If Ott is to map his course after that of Maceroni, he will invite the N.B.A. to stick its nose into a lot of places where its official nose does not belong.

Ott will find many opportunities to be out of order, over-aggressive, especially in the wrong spots, officious to a point of being nonsensical, and, above all, inconsistent.

ATTEMPT TO COERCE CALIFORNIA TO RETURN

Ott will face the opportunity to attempt to coerce California and Massachusetts to return to N.B.A. membership. New York, which also is not a member, is barred from joining by a wise clause in its Walker Law that prohibits its Commission, from becoming involved with the NBA or any other association.

How does the N.B.A. go about doing things? Well, let us examine an Associated Press recent dispatch from Mexico City, where they held its annual convention this year. It reported that the Mexican Boxing and Wrestling Federation had barred Mexican fighters from showing in California.

This ban would be dropped if the California Commission were to return to the N.B.A.

If you follow boxing closely, you know that California, particularly in the Los Angeles area, has been a veritable bonanza for Mexican fighters. They've been built into tremendous attractions and frequent challengers for world championships. Both financially and in prestige, the Mexicans have done far better for themselves in California than they could possibly have hoped to do for themselves in Mexico. Yet, because California no longer is a member of the N.B.A., the Mexican authorities threaten to bar their own fighters from big opportunities and big purses in the state. That is a plain case of trying to use the blackjack, to force California back into the N.B.A. fold. It is quite conceivable that California could continue its boxing activities without Mexican attractions, in which case who would suffer? The Mexicans.

Outside of the United States there an odd notion about the N.B.A. Lots of folks believe that it is a Federal body and part of the United States Government in Washington. As a consequence, the association gets a lot of respect where it would not be accorded it if it were known that the N.B.A. is NOT government-sponsored, and that it is merely a talking organization which swiped The Ring Magazine's idea of rating fighters every month.

The Ring Magazine is for everything and everybody seeking the advancement and the betterment of boxing. It likes consistency. But consistency is something the N.B.A. lacks.

DECLARES RAY'S TITLE FORFEITED, THEN BACKS HIM

During the presidential regime of the esteemed Dr. Ward Wylie, the N.B.A. took a dive off the deep end of the pool and discovered there was no water.

The doctor announced that the N.B.A. had declared the middleweight championship forfeited by Ray Robinson for failure to perform within a given period.

The N.B.A. said that it would recognize the winner of a Fullmer-Basilio fight as the world champion.

Out of this was created the peculiar situation which makes Fullmer the champion in some places and Boston's

Paul Pender the champion in other localities.

Having thrown Robinson out on his ear, the NBA then demonstrated amazing logic by announcing that it recognized Ray as a top contender against Fullmer for the title it had "taken away" from Ray.

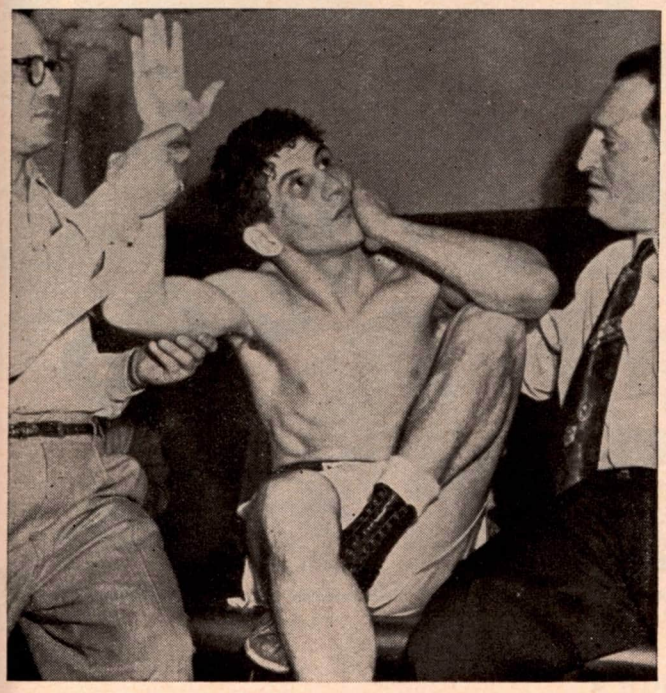
Back in April, Fullmer and Joey Giardello fought a draw at Bozeman, Mont. Then Tony Ferrante, a legalist involved in the management of Giardello, made a strange claim. He announced Joey as the new champion!

Naturally, this claim could not hold. ,water. From Maceroni came the announcement that he was in favor of a return bout. Who made the decision for the NBA—its president, solo? Its board of directors?

HOW ABOUT PATTERSON'S CONTRACT TO FIGHT INGO?

Now we come to NBA involvements with the heavyweight and light heavy titles.

Archie Moore has been told to fight pronto or lose his championship to the NBA, which has a special receptacle for forfetied titles.



The association twice has taken the title from Archie, and twice has given it back. How much does it think it has Moore scared by its new threat? Whom would the NBA match with Archie at this time?

To Floyd Patterson has come the NBA warning that if there be no fight with Ingemar Johansson this year, this match would have to be deferred and Patterson would have to take on some other heavy, possibly Sonny Liston, who recently beat Eddie Machen, but failed to stop the man whom the Swede knocked out in the first round.

The Ring Magazine is not overjoyed at the multiplicity of return fights guaranteed in contracts. However, suppose Patterson, Cus D'Amato and Edwin Schweig, their lawyer, say, *"We have signed contracts with the Fugazy group for a third fight with Ingo. If we fail to live up to this pact, will the NBA shell out the financial penalties?"*

The Ring Magazine is not opposed to an aggressive policy in boxing. But it believes that the NBA should not attempt to set up demands which it is not in a position to enforce. Busting into print with silly patterns is not going to earn for the NBA greater respect the world over.

Archie Moore gives a knowing wink, in answer to the N.B.A. latest statement ordering him to defend his title within 90 days or they will vacate it, if they follow through it will mark the third time they have taken the crown away, then given it back.

Joey Giardello is the puzzled lad. Following his draw bout with Gene Fullmer, the N.B.A. president, said a rematch is a must, yet Fullmer has not fought Joey again, and the N.B.A. has done nothing to force the issue, talk, but no action seems to be the N.B.A. policy in this case.

THE N.B.A. IS NO FEDERAL BUREAU

The N.B.A. has always faced one apparently insurmountable problem; it has no legal authority to enforce its arbitrary and often silly mandates. The only "hold" the officers have over the various member states is a moral one. The N.B.A. is not an official organization, and has no legislative power over its members except the threat of suspension from the association.

This weapon has been used repeatedly but to little, if any, effect. Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and California, among other states, have at times left the banner of the N.B.A., with the national body using every means at its disposal to woo them back, its tactics including some mild and some not so mild behind-the-counter manipulations.

The truth is that each state follows the N.B.A. line so long as it serves its purpose to do so. A champion may be "dethroned" by the N.B.A., but if a certain state—say Illinois or Michigan—should suddenly be interested in using that champion in a title bout with some strong local challenger, it'll use him, if it has to pull away from the N.B.A. to do it.

Although at times it has had "working agreements" with

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LISTON A REMINDER

The long powerful left of Sonny Liston is poked into the face of a retr eating Eddie Machen during their Seattle bout, that saw Liston win a unanimous decision in a dull fight marked by Machen's running safety first tactics.

By AL BUCK

IN quest of a chance to fight for the world heavyweight championship, Charles (Sonny) Liston, 211-pound Philadelphian, has followed a straight course. He has fought and defeated every contender willing to do battle, and if his most recent effort was frustrating, both to himself and the fans, the fault was not his.

Eddie Machen, Liston's opponent in the 12-round elimination at Seattle, wouldn't, perhaps couldn't fight. Machen, ranked No. 2 behind Liston, was satisfied to stay the limit. He ran, held and complained, and of course the decision, a unanimous one, went to Liston.

Machen's tactics angered Liston, and he showed it, but as I watched what was going on in the ring my mind drifted back to a long ago night in Madison Square Garden. Joe Louis was fighting his way to a chance at the title, then held by James J. Braddock, just as Liston is attempting to do, and before him was a dancing, running Bob Pastor. Bicycle Bob they called him when the 10 rounds were over, but Pastor, in taking to his heels, lived to fight another day.

The decision went to Louis, but Joe was left with some unfinished business. He closed the account two years later in Detroit when in defense of the crown he had won from James J. Braddock, he knocked out Pastor in 11 rounds. Unlike his first performance, Pastor chose to make a fight of it. There was a title to be won, and Bicycle Bob proved a worthy challenger.

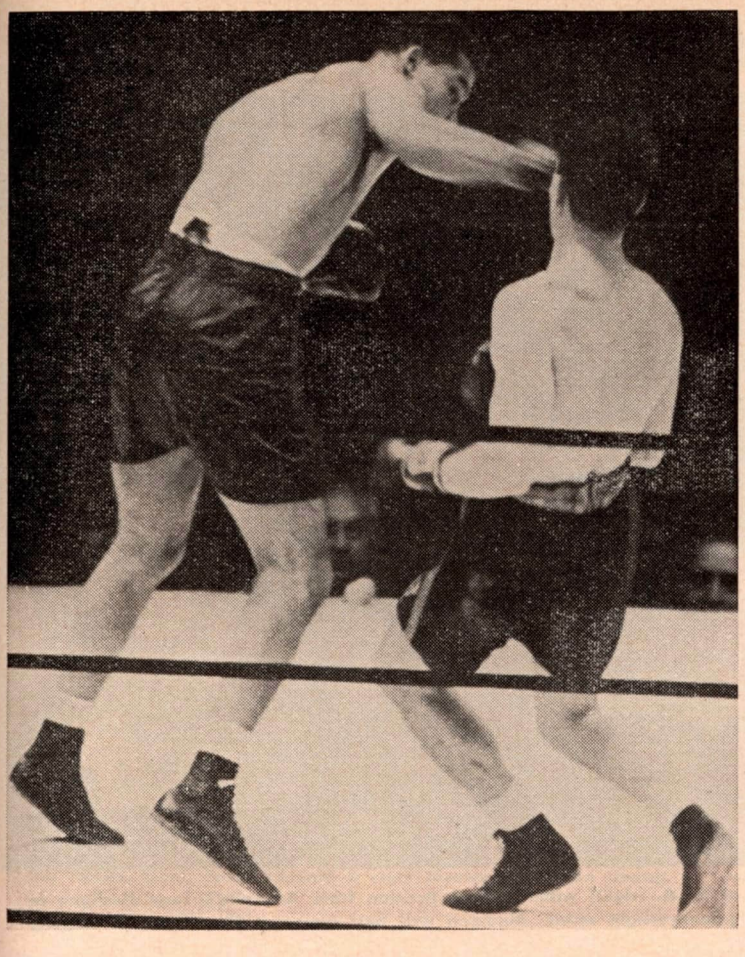
What Machen expected to accomplish is not clear. There may have been extenuating circumstances. Eddie claimed afterwards that he had injured his right hand training with Willi Besmanoff. This could be true, as throughout the fight he seldom ventured to punch with his right.

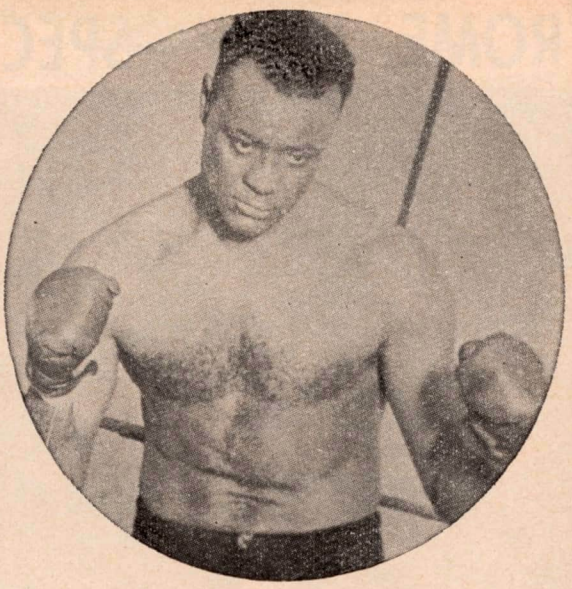
In lasting the limit, Machen broke a string of nine straight knockouts hung up by Liston, but in doing so he had to settle for a defeat. He did not help himself, and at the same time he did no damage to Liston's cause. With a record of 31 victories in 32 fights, Liston has earned the right to challenge Floyd Patternson for the title.

On the day after he regained the crown by knocking out Ingemar Johansson, Patterson said at a press conference: **"Yes, I will fight Liston."**

He has done nothing about it since, can't in fact, as there is a contract for a return bout with Johansson. When it takes place this will be their third fight in three years, a period during which the door will have been shut in the face of all other heavyweights, Liston among them.

Gene Tunney's victory over Jack Dempsey on a rainy





Harry Wills, the top flight New York heavyweight of the "Roarin' Twenties", who was a long time challenger of Jack Dempsey's but was never given a title match, a role that could well be duplicated by Liston.

Joe Louis (left) catches up with tormentor Bob Pastor in the eleventh round of their title bout in Detroit in 1939. Louis had shown poorly in his first fight with Bob and as in Sonny's case had been berated by the experts. His kayo of Pastor was an important triumph. Like Machen, Pastor had played safety first in his first outing with Louis.

night in Philadelphia shocked the fistic world. It came as a complete surprise to most experts, and of course there was a demand for a return bout. But there were other contenders, Jack Sharkey among them, and Tex Rickard, the promoter, insisted Dempsey qualify before getting an opportunity to regain his lost throne.

This Dempsey did, knocking out Sharkey in the seventh round, before going on to Chicago to lose a second time to Tunney. Why then shouldn't Johansson be required to fight Liston, with the winner to meet Patterson?

In all fairness the answer is "yes." There are other considerations too, as Humbert J. Fugazy, the veteran promoter, who has the Patterson-Johansson return contract well knows. Fugazy was Rickard's rival in the Twenties, and promoted the Harry Wills-Sharkey fight at a time when Harry was denied a title chance because of his color.

The fight established Sharkey, who won on a foul, as a top contender, and resulted in the Dempsey-Sharkey elimination. The two Jacks drew $1,083,529. With television, either closed circuit or sponsored, a Liston-Johansson bout might draw as much as a third Patterson-Johansson fight. With Patterson fighting the winner the promoter would have two big shows, where as now he has only one.

If for no other reason than that it would benefit boxing, Cus D'Amato, Patterson's manager, should give serious consideration to such an arrangement. Under fire as it is, the fight game needs help, and D'Amato should listen to any legitimate proposal for the champion to defend against the ranking challenger.

A big man, the powerful Liston was an impressive figure as he entered the ring at Seattle. He was fresh from a three round knockout over Zora Folley, who had been ranked No. 2. Machen had moved up to No. 2, and should have realized that he was face to face with his great opportunity.

It was soon evident that he was not ready to gamble for high stakes. Liston's powerful left jabs had Machen beating a quick retreat. On occasions he turned his back and ran. On others he grabbed and held. Twisting from side to side, Eddie succeeded in avoiding Liston's smashing rights aimed at his jaw and head.

Sonny shifted to the body, driving his right to the ribs, and hooking with his left. The crowd reacted with shouts of "Foul," and on two occasions—in the sixth and 11th rounds —referee Whitey Rowstad took points away from the aggressive Liston.

In the 11th Machen dropped to his knees after being hit a blow to the body. The referee started to count, then decided to give Machen a minute's rest in the corner. This has happened before, and it is recalled that when Sharkey fouled Phil Scott during their elimination at Miami, the referee Lou Magnolia allowed the Englishman time to recuperate.

It didn't help Scott in the end. Sharkey knocked him out in the third round. Jack was not as lucky when he fought Max Schmeling for the title later on. He was disqualified when a low left dumped the German to the canvas.

Liston had a weight advantage, 15 pounds, and while he failed to score a knockout there is no doubt that he is superior to Machen. There were times when he lost his temper, and he pushed, shoved and wrestled, as Machen's tactics prevented him from scoring with his big right. The fans were annoyed too, and from the crowd came shouts of "get a bicycle," and "use your right."

From Liston's standpoint it was unfortunate that his sensational victory over Folley in Denver was not on television. The Machen fight was telecast, and the fans from coast to coast anticipated more than Sonny could deliver. It takes two to tango, and also to fight. Machen just wasn't in the mood.

The venture was profitable to promoter Tommy Moyer, as the 7682 fans in Sicks' Stadium paid $62,660 at the gate. The TV money swelled the gross to over $100,000.

There was no suspense while waiting for the decision.

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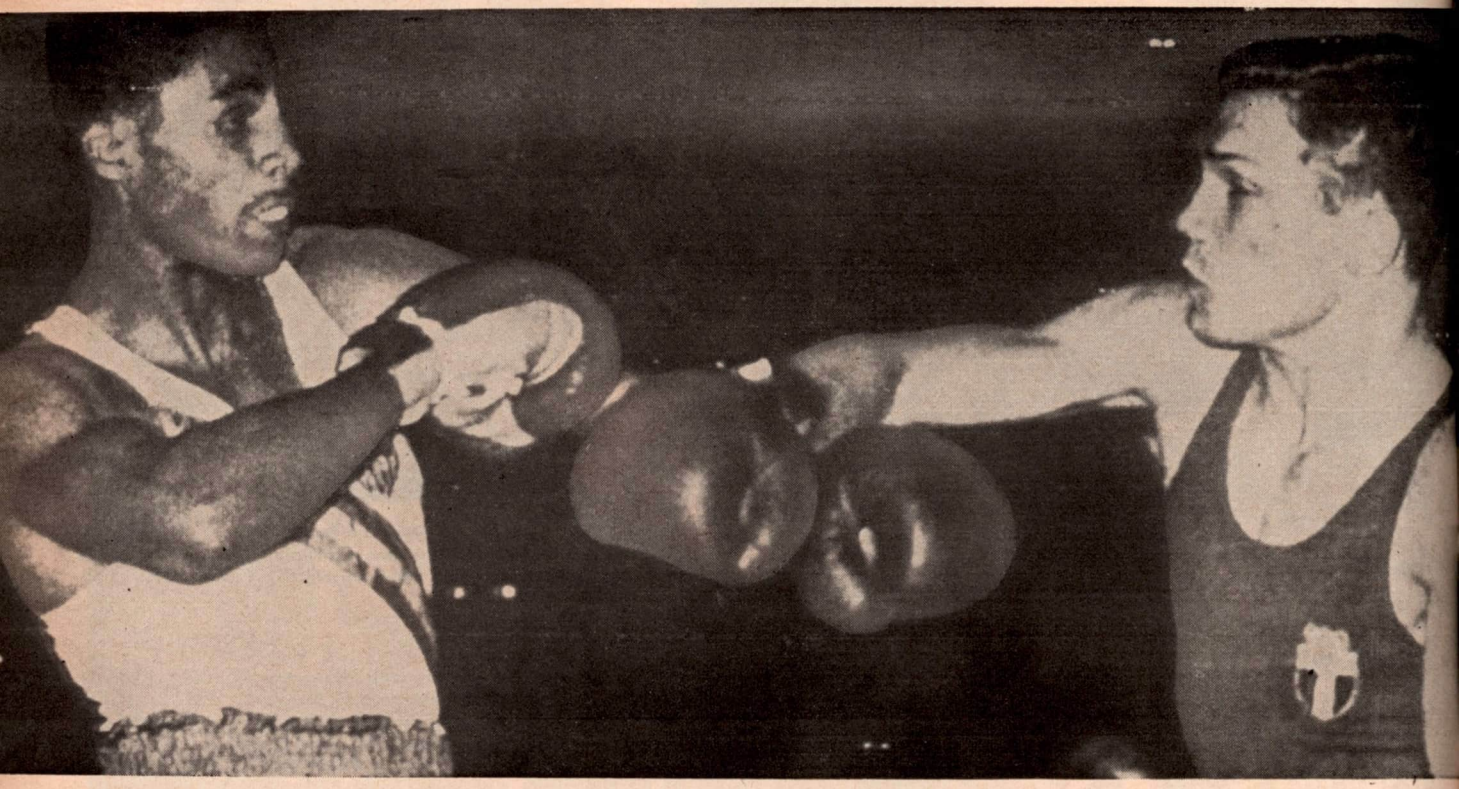
ROME, ITALY—SPECIAL



(Above)—Cassius Clay of U.S.A. (right) winning close decision from Australia's Tony Madigan in semi-final round of light-heavyweight series. Madigan was best opponent Clay faced in winning Olympic title.

(Left)—Wilbur McClure, another American winner, jumps with joy as his hand is raised in victory after bout with Carmelo Bossi of Italy. Triumph gave McClure the light-middleweight championship. (Right lower)—Clay's final victory was over rugged Polish entry, Zbigniew Pietryzkowski. The American needed strong finish to assure decision over a hard fighting opponent.

By **NAT FLEISCHER**

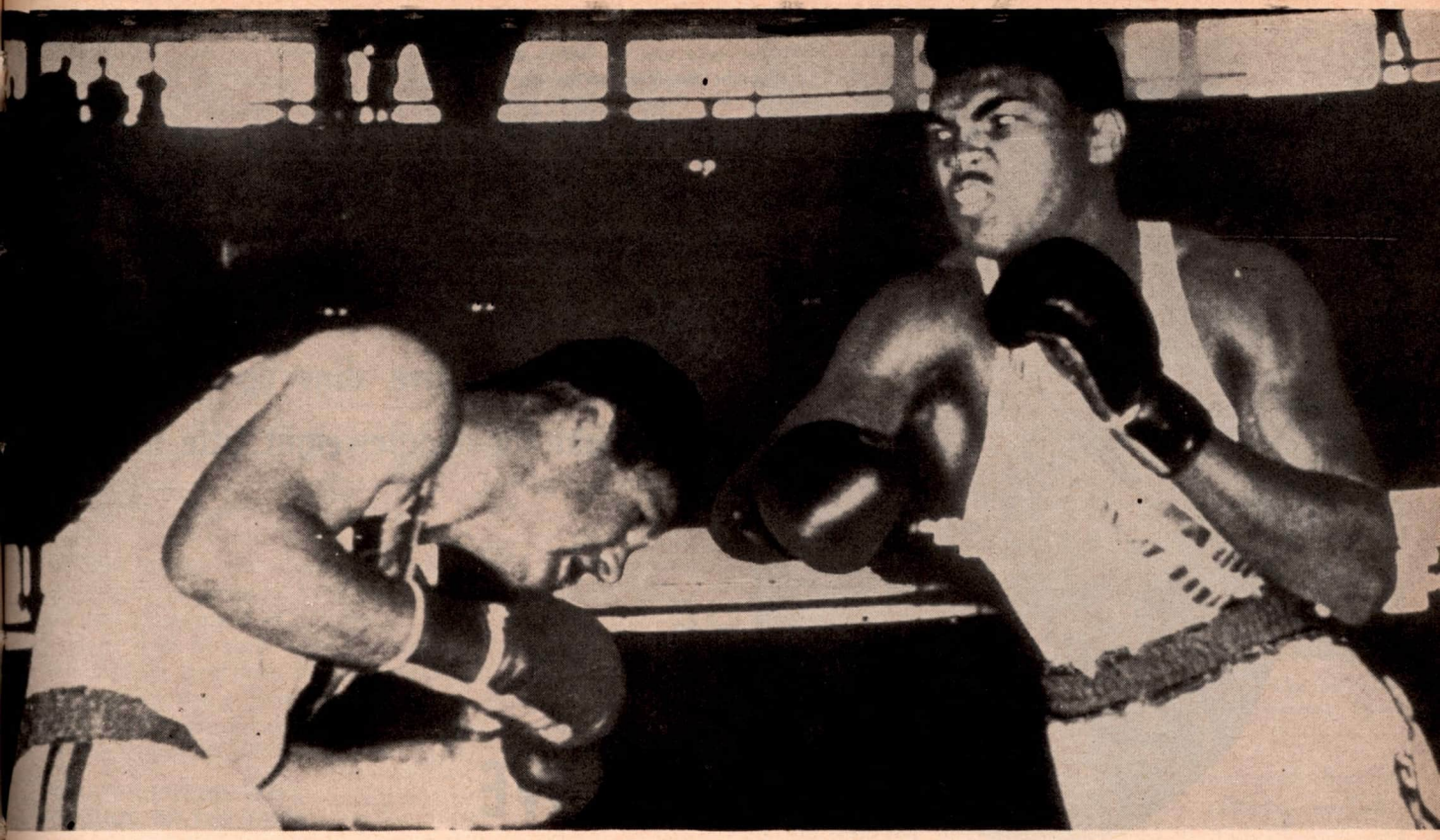
THREE U. S. BOXERS GET RAW DEALS

IN the Olypmic boxing tournament in Rome, I sat at the ringside and saw every contest.

What I saw there were biased officiating, raw decisions against three Americans in particular—Humberto Barriere, Jerry Armstrong and Quincy Daniels—and unsportsmanlike conduct by spectators without precedent in this international event.

Cassius Clay, light heavyweight, Wilfred McClure, light welter, and Ed Crook, middleweight, were the American winners, and let me say, they WON.

Before another Olympic boxing tourney is held—and the next one is scheduled for 1964 in Tokyo—it is absolutely mandatory that the tremendous problem of officiating, and getting competent, unbiased men to decide who wins and who loses, must be gone over with great care. Otherwise, let's stay home.



Action during the championship match between McClure and Bossi. The Toledo, Ohio, boxer blocked a right thrown by Italian during first round of their Gold Medal meeting. By winning, McClure added Olympic title to Golden Gloves and A.A.U. championships.

Let me say with emphasis that American boxers were not the only victims of raw deals at Rome.

A Russian could be beaten only if he were outpointed beyond all question, or he were knocked out. With all this terrible officiating, the Soviets, favored to achieve the team title, were outclassed. They got just one gold medal.

In addition to the three American victims of bias, there were two South Africans, one Englishman, two Australians and one Frenchman in the raw deal category.

At one stage things got so terrible that the coach of the English team threatened to take his men out of the tournament. Too bad he failed to go through with it. A withdrawal would have turned the eyes of world boxing, and our Olympic officials, on a situation beyond all belief.

There were 16,200 persons at the finals in the Palazzo della Sports, a record turnout for the Olympics, with officials working against them, and Italians jeering our men. The Russian, Polish, Hungarian, Bulgarian and Rumanian sections of the house were loaded with claquers of the kind we do not know in the United States or Great Britain, with our Anglo-Saxon tenets of fair play and sportsmanship.

Clay, McClure and Crook had to be outstanding fighters, and stalwart in spirit and determination against tremendous odds.

The point scores were—1, Italy, 3 firsts, 3 seconds, 3 thirds, 48½ points; 2, Poland, 36½ points; 3, United States, 33½ points; 4, Soviets, 27 points.

The American flag was insulted by Italian jeerers when McClure was declared the winner over Carmelo Bossi, of Italy.

From the start, Italy and the United States loomed as the top contenders. Their boxers put up the most stirring competition. They were the class of the eleven days' tourney in both clever boxing and hitting.

Considering that the Italians had six men entered in the finals, it was a great triumph for the Americans to tie them for firsts.

Pity however, that so many boxers from countries other than from those behind the Iron Curtain, were unable to advance into higher brackets either through incompetence or bias of judges.

Ollie Taylor and Rocco Gattellari of Australia were the victims of raw verdicts. So were Wilhelm Ludick of South Africa, Toyoshi Tanaba of Japan, Antoine Porcel of France, Dick McTaggart of Great Britain, our American three.

So many poor decisions were rendered that before half of the tournament was completed, the Organizing Committee fired seventeen of its thirty-odd judges. The remaining officials were little better with few exceptions.

The verdict that put McTaggart, Melbourne gold medalist, out of the competition when Kazimierz Pazdzior of Poland was awarded the nod in the lightweight semi-final round, was questionable.

While the referees continuously stopped the fights to warn our boys for holding or pulling, the boys from Russia kept using a crude chancery hold and often pulled the head of their opponent into a punch with such variations, without penalty.

Sometimes as many as seven warnings were issued without one point deducted yet others suffered such penalties frequently. The unbelievably raw decisions hardly could be attributed solely to incompetence since invariably the decisions favored the Communist bloc.

I figured that fourteen boxers had clearly won advancement yet did not get it. Many decisions were atrocious and the police had to be called to keep order. In all calls the decisions favored the Communist bloc.

With 54 nations competing and 282 ring contests staged during the eleven days, one cannot condemn the tournament because of the treatment accorded foreign fighters when opposed to an Italian and the result was close, nor because of the judging that deprived legitimate winners of a chance to enter the higher bracket.

The home feeling in Italy is tremendous. Cheering sections are packed and their lusty cries apparently had some

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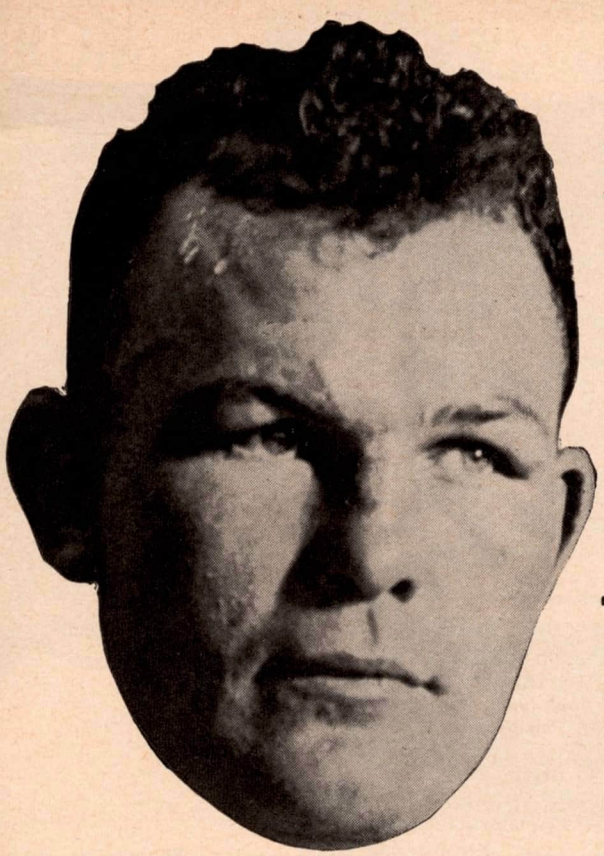


Brian Downey, the flashy Cleveland idol, who was or wasn't the middleweight champion of the world following his disputed fight with Johnny Wilson in his home town back on July 27, 1921. The referee ruled that Brian had lost on a foul, but the commission differed and gave the victory and the title to Downey on a knockout.

Ring Detective digs up really daffy fight for middleweight title in 1921

THE RING DETECTIVE

WHAT KEPT WILSON CHAMPION AFTER KO BY DOWNEY?

By DAN DANIEL

ON July 27, 1921, at Cleveland, Johnny Wilson, middleweight champion of the world, beat Bryan Downey, a local boxer, on a foul in the seventh round.

The decision was rendered by referee Jimmy Gardner, whom Wilson had brought with him from Boston.

Gardner announced that Downey had struck the champion while he was down for the third time in the seventh. All this happened at the count of seven.

Gardner was eagle-eyed and alert. He saw something which ringsiders failed to discern.

According to Art Foote, the official time keeper, while Gardner may have been sharp of eye he was a deficient counter. Foote insisted that when Johnny was floored for the first time in the brawly seventh, he had taken a count of 13 4/5 seconds.

When Wilson was floored the second time, he was down for eleven, Foote insisted. The champion was getting up when, according to Gardner, Downey struck him with malign effect, malice aforethought and tremendous violence. The Phantom Foul!

Now here comes a strange development. J. B. Wilberding, chairman of the Cleveland Boxing Commission, who had waived a local rule when he permitted an out of town referee to officiate, announced that his group was assuming a legal prerogative, and refused to recognize Gardner's decision. Wilberding announced that Wilson had been knocked out and that Downey was the new champion.

However, the power of the press asserted itself. The boxing writing fraternity declined to go along with Wilberding and his Commission, and upheld Gardner's strange verdict. Let it be noted that the New York Commission ignored Wilberding.

WHAT WAS GARDNER DOING IN THAT RING?

Under the Cleveland Commission rules, Gardner's being reversed, which was supported by precedent, made Downey the champion. The New York Commission, among others, had over-ridden the decisions of judges and referees.

Since Gardner was so alert, so meticulous, it was considered odd that he did not see Martin Killilea, Wilson's manager, lay the champion open to disqualification when he invaded the ring.

Marty jumped on the apron after Johnny had been floored the second time and implored his meal ticket to come out of the coma fast. Killilea was reported to have tried to help Wilson up and to have touched his arm.

While Marty was involved in this laudable if illegal maneuver, he was assaulted by Jimmy Dunn, Downey's manager. If you have been able to absorb all of this you must wonder how it could have been possible in 1921, during the Commission age, in the home city of the challenger.

It was not John C. Heenan and Tom Sayers in England in 1860. It was modern glove fighting under constituted authority.

You might ask, what was Gardner doing as the third man in the ring? How come Downey and Dunn accepted this man from Lowell, Mass.? He doubtless was qualified. He had been a fighter of some account and around Boston was regarded as a competent official. But there were just as competent men in Cleveland.

Some hours before the fight, Killilea and Wilson agreed to fight under Cleveland Commission rules. But later the champion refused to go into the ring unless Gardner got the assignment as referee.

Dunn laid himself open to trouble when he let Killilea and Wilson bluff him into accepting their ultimatum, and Wilberding made himself the goat of the fight when he pulled the unpardonable rock of waiving his own rules and let the imported official run the fight.

PRIVATE REFEREES WERE PRODUCT OF THE TIMES

Gardner had a close call from serious injury, poor guy. Downey's handlers rushed him when he gave the fight to Wilson on the Phantom Foul and but for the cops Jimmy would have gone to the hospital.

Wilson finds some exoneration, though not much, in the Gardner matter because in those days champions followed the quaint custom of lugging their private referees around the country with them.

Those who were attended by their private officials defended their action with the charge that most local referees were not sufficiently experienced to run a championship fight, and that many of them were downright incompetent.

After Wilson had become the beneficiary of the Phantom Foul, it was recalled that he had acquired the middleweight title in somewhat brawly circumstances.

On May 6, 1920, in Boston, Johnny got the verdict over Mike O'Dowd, the champion, in a twelve rounder. Hector McInnis was the referee in this case.

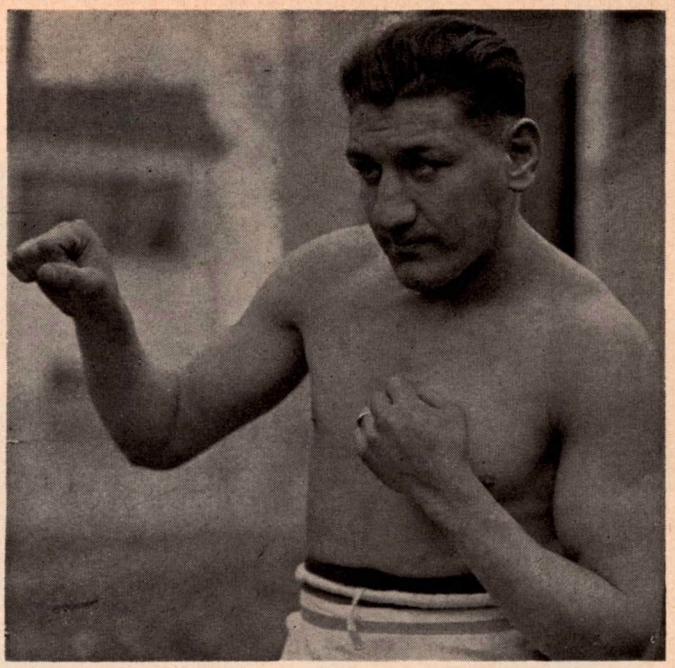
The O'Dowd side screamed at McInnis and hollered that Mike had been jobbed by a home town official.

On March 17, 1921, in New York, O'Dowd got his chance to prove that he had been the victim of a rotten decision. But Wilson gave Michael a fifteen round shellacking and silenced O'Dowd forever more.

There were times when Wilson looked like a fighter, and there were times when he appeared to be a sorry member of the middleweight dynasty. Johnny lost his title to Harry Greb at the Polo Grounds in New York on August 31, 1923, by decision in fifteen rounds. Losing to Greb was no disgrace.

Downey got a second crack at Wilson at Jersey City on Labor Day in 1921, under the aegis of Tex Rickard. This time there was no Gardner in the ring with the fighters.

Johnny and Bryan perpetrated a fiasco. The press called Wilson a cheese champion, and announced that Downey was just a "punk." The hoax emitted an odor which made that arising from the nearby Jersey meadows, with their swamp miasma, smell like attar of roses. An Irish critic announced, "One of them is bad and the other is equally worse."



Johnny Wilson, the southpaw Bostonian, who had a hex on Mike O'Dowd, and who was the villain or hero of the Downey fight, depending on what side of story you believe.

Witnesses of the Jersey fiasco came away with the impression that Mike McTigue, who beat Panama Joe Gans in the semifinal could have disposed of both Wilson and Downey on the same night.

Now, let us wander back to the night of July 27, 1921, and the phantom foul. Let me quote from the story which Earl Ferris wrote for the Cleveland Press, as follows:

"As the seventh round got under way, Wilson shot a left and right to the face. Downey missed and then Wilson banged a right to the head and a left to the nose.

"Now Downey drove Wilson to the ropes with a stiff right to the stomach. Wilson, backed up on the ropes, attempted to clinch, and in grabbing for Downey's arms gave Bryan an opening.

"Downey shot over a straight right jolt which traveled about six inches and the champion toppled to the floor. His head struck the floor of the ring apron in the East corner of the arena.

"This was a neutral corner. Referee Gardner stepped between Downey and the fallen champion before starting to count.

"Then he counted 'One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, nine, nine, ten'.

"At the count of ten Wilson, whose head was under the lower rope, was on one knee. Downey, thinking that he had won on a knockout, started for his corner.

GARDNER ORDERS DOWNEY TO "GO ON AND FIGHT"

"'Go on and fight,' referee Gardner commanded. Timekeeper Artie Foote shouted to the Boxing Commission that Wilson had been on the floor 13 4/5 seconds.

"Downey, surprised that he was ordered to fight, swung left after left to the champion's head as Wilson lolled back on the ropes in the East corner. He was out on his feet. His eyes were closed.

"After nine blows were landed by Downey, Wilson toppled over. He rose on the count of six, only to be dropped again.

"This time Referee Gardner, who rushed between Downey and the fallen fighter, counted, 'One, two, three, five.'

"At this point Marty Killilea, manager of the champion, climbed on the ring rim and attempted to assist Wilson to

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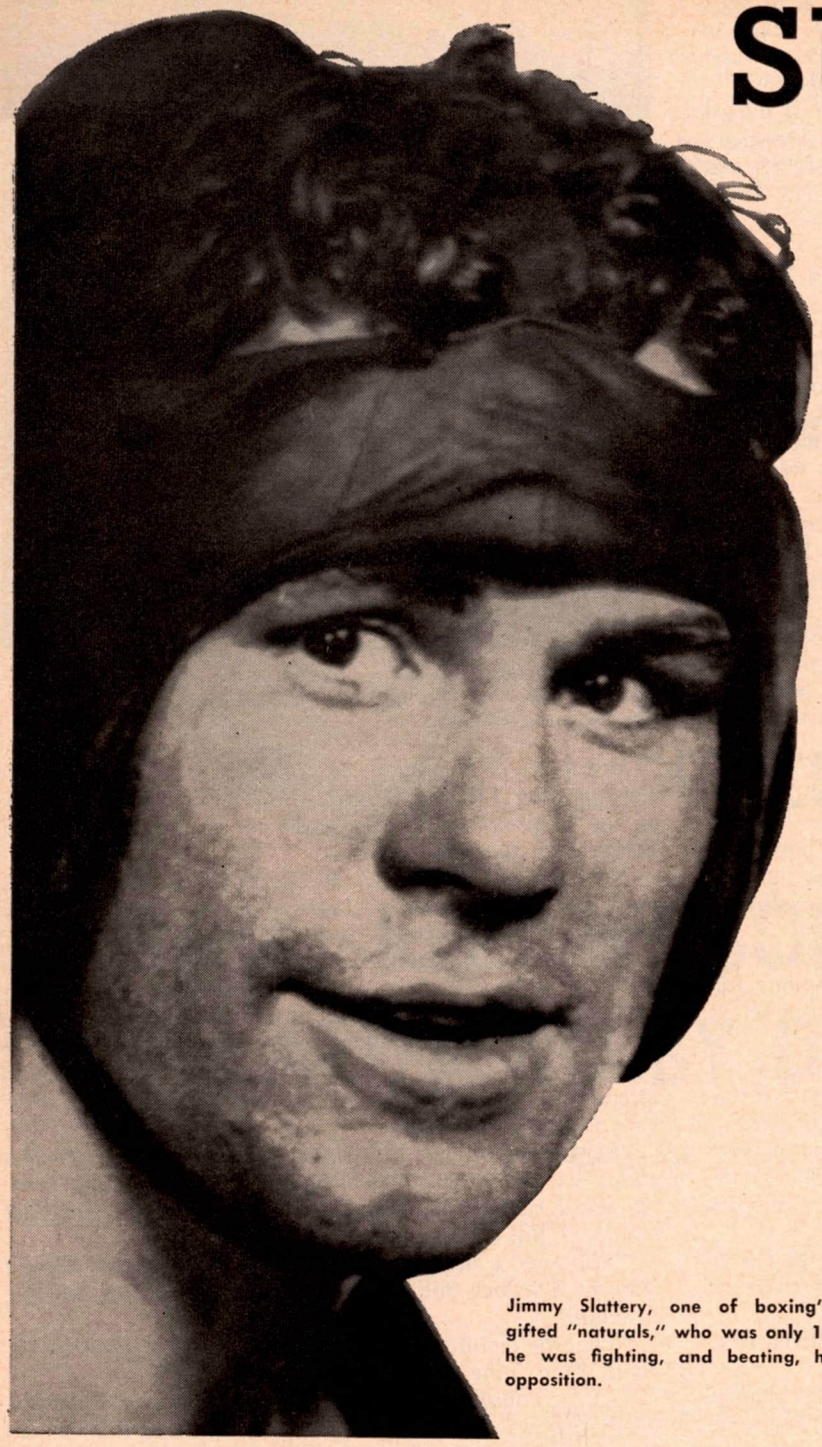
SUCCESS CAME TOO EASILY

Jimmy Slattery's Passing Recalls His and Other Ring Careers of Irish "Child Prodigies"

By JERSEY JONES



Jimmy Slattery, one of boxing's most gifted "naturals," who was only 18 when he was fighting, and beating, headline opposition.

THE tragedy of Jimmy Slattery was that success came too early and too easily to him. He was too good for his own good.

The one-time pride of Buffalo was 56 when his lifeless body, wasted away by years of dissipation and illness, was found in his tiny room in a sidestreet Bison City hotel recently.

Jimmy Slattery should have been, and could have been, one of boxing's all-time greats. Few fighters have been endowed with so lavish a supply of natural ring talent. A dazzling boxer, a sharpshooting puncher and an exciting personality, the Buffalo Irishman was really something to behold.

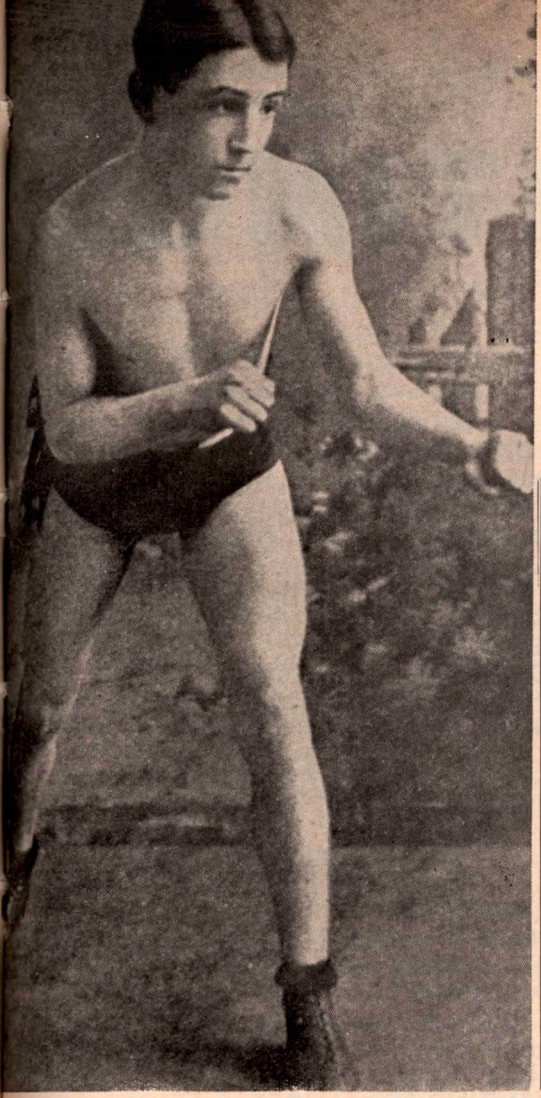
Unfortunately, he was too young, too immature, to withstand the temptations and penalties of quickly-achieved success, and it was to prove his undoing.

At his peak, "Slats" measured an inch under six feet, and scaled around 165 pounds. Lightning fast with hands and feet, he was a marvel at timing opponents' leads, avoiding them with slight twists of the head, and countering in split-seconds with his own fists. He carried his arms low, dangling at his sides, but he could hit with the speed and authority of a cobra.

Although limited to six rounds because of his age, Slattery, at 18 and a welterweight, was already headlining Buffalo fight cards and beating such experienced campaigners as Soldier Bartfield, Johnny Griffiths, Jack Perry and Johnny Klesch.

Jimmy ran off a string of thirty-eight consecutive wins before suffering his first defeat. That was when he journeyed to Boston early in 1924 to lose a decision to the cagey veteran Joe Eagan. A year later Slattery more than evened the score with Eagan by flattening him in one round in Buffalo.

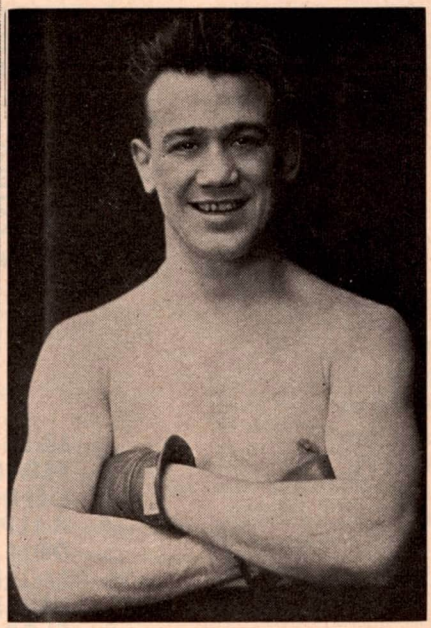
Jimmy's only other loss in his first four years of fighting and sixty-six bouts was a decision to the inimitable Harry

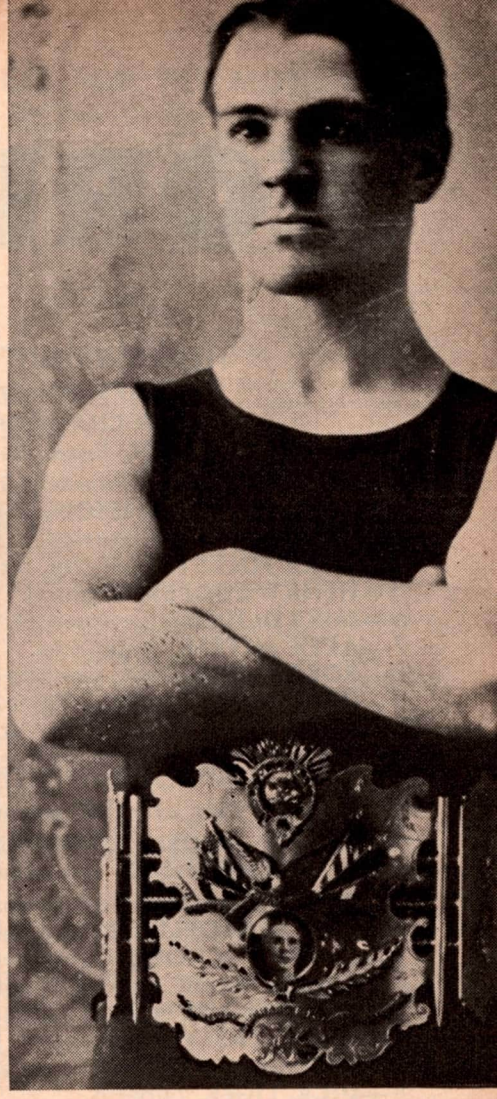


(Left)—Eddie Hanlon, who rated with top featherweights and lightweights of his era, was only 16 when fighting gruelling 20-rounders.

(Right)—One of the ring's immortals, Terry McGovern had won two world titles, bantamweight and featherweight, before he was 20.

(Below)—Irish Patsy Cline, a New York sensation at 16, failed to handle success and failing vision ended his promising career at 23.





Greb, then world middleweight champion, in Buffalo.

In that four-year stretch, Slattery's triumphs included knockouts of such able ringsters as Frankie Schoell, Fay Kaiser and Augie Ratner, and decisions over headliners Billy (Young) Stribling and Jack Delaney.

And the Buffalo Flash hadn't yet reached voting age!

Slattery whipped Delaney twice, both times in old Madison Square Garden and over the abbreviated six-round distance. To this day old-timers will tell you the two meetings were classics in ring artistry. Delaney, an accomplished boxer himself, couldn't quite match the dazzling pace set by his youthful rival.

It was during the summer of 1925, when he was not yet 21, that Slattery became the victim of one of the most stunning upsets in boxing history. Appearing on the all-star Italian Hospital Fund card at the Polo Grounds (Harry Wills vs. Charley Weinert and Harry Greb v. Mickey Walker were the co-features), Jimmy was knocked out by Dave Shade in the third round!

Slattery, with a ten-pound pull in the weights, wasn't expected to have much trouble with the lighter and supposedly weak-hitting Shade, but the cocky Buffalonian became careless and paid for his indiscretion when the bobbing, weaving Shade suddenly looped an overhand right that exploded on Jimmy's chin. The Buffalonian toppled to the canvas. He went down twice more before the bout was halted.

Even before that disaster, reports were filtering out of Buffalo that Slattery had been straying from the path of the righteous. He hadn't been paying as strict attention to training as he should have. More interested in exercising what the Constitution guaranteed was his inalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, Jimmy was developing a dangerous fondness for bright lights, late hours, fast automobiles and the stuff in the cup that's supposed to cheer.

The Shade debacle sobered Slats somewhat, and he did well enough in his next couple of starts to earn a crack at Paul Berlenbach and the world light-heavyweight title. The bout was staged at the Yankee Stadium two and a half months after the Shade episode. Jimmy had just turned 21, and was eligible for the championship distance, but the longest route he'd ever gone was ten rounds and he'd traveled that only once. Fifteen rounds was too much for him. He gave Berlenbach a stubborn battle for a while but the rugged, durable, hard-hitting champion eventually wore him down and stopped him in the eleventh.

That was Slattery's last serious bid for ring immortality, although his career stretched another ten years, and on the way the Buffalonian established a couple of claims to the then disputed light-heavyweight title. Early in 1927 he decisioned Maxie Rosenbloom in Hartford for the National Boxing Association's version of the championship, but later that year he lost it to Tommy Loughran in what is still regarded as one of the finest boxing exhibitions yet seen in New Madison Square Garden. Then, in 1930, Slats outpointed a townsman, Lou Scozza, in Buffalo for the New York Commission's recognition as champion, and a few months later he passed that along to Rosenbloom in Buffalo. Jimmy had another crack at Rosenbloom in New York in 1931, but lost again. A physical wreck by then, his career ended in 1935 when Jack Gibbons, son of Phantom Mike, knocked him out in Minot, North Dakota.

That Slattery lasted as long as he did was a significant testimonial to his remarkable fistic talents. Jimmy seldom was in respectable physical condition during the last decade of his career. His training routine consisted mainly of

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By NAT FLEISCHER

WORLD RATINGS

for the Month Ending September 22nd

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Over 175 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
FLOYD PATTERSON, Rockville Centre, N. Y.

1—**SONNY LISTON,** Philadelphia, Pa.
2—**INGEMAR JOHANSSON,** Sweden
3—**EDDIE MACHEN,** Portland, Ore.
4—**ZORA FOLLEY,** Chandler, Ariz.
5—**HENRY COOPER,** England
6—**MIKE DeJOHN,** Syracuse, N. Y.
7—**ALEX MITEFF,** Argentina
8—**ROBERT CLEROUX,** Canada
9—**DICK RICHARDSON,** Wales
10—**BILLY HUNTER,** Detroit, Mich.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not over 160 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
PAUL PENDER, Brookline, Mass.

*1—**GENE FULLMER,** West Jordan, Utah
2—**JOEY GIARDELLO,** Philadelphia, Pa.
3—**GUSTAV SCHOLZ,** Germany
4—**HENRY HANK,** Detroit, Mich.
5—**RAY ROBINSON,** New York, N. Y.
6—**HANK CASEY,** Los Angeles, Calif.
7—**JOEY GIAMBRA,** San Francisco, Calif.
8—**DICK TIGER,** Nigeria
9—**DON FULLMER,** West Jordan, Utah
10—**JESSE SMITH,** Philadelphia, Pa.

* N.B.A. Middleweight Champion

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not over 135 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
JOE BROWN, Baton Rouge, La.

1—**DAVE CHARNLEY,** England
2—**CARLOS ORTIZ,** New York, N. Y.
3—**LEN MATTHEWS,** Philadelphia, Pa.
4—**CARLOS HERNANDEZ,** Venezuela
*5—**FLASH ELORDE,** Philippines
6—**CISCO ANDRADE,** Compton, Calif.
7—**KENNY LANE,** Muskegon, Ill.
8—**EDDIE PERKINS,** Chicago, Ill.
9—**BATTLING TORRES,** Mexico
10—**PAOLO ROSI,** New York, N. Y.

* N.B.A. Junior Lightweight Champion

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not over 118 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
JOE BECERRA, Mexico (Retired)

1—**EDER JOFRE,** Brazil
2—**ALPHONSE HALIMI,** France
3—**PERO ROLLO,** Italy
4—**KENJI YONEKURA,** Japan
5—**FREDDIE GILROY,** Ireland
6—**IGNACIO PINA,** Mexico
7—**JOE MEDEL,** Mexico
8—**ELOY SANCHEZ,** Mexico
9—**JOSE LOPEZ,** Mexico
10—**LEO ESPINOSA,** Philippines

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not over 175 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
ARCHIE MOORE, San Diego, Calif.

1—**HAROLD JOHNSON,** Philadelphia, Pa.
2—**CHIC CALDERWOOD,** Scotland
3—**ERICH SCHOPPNER,** Germany
4—**WILLIE PASTRANO,** Miami, Fla.
5—**GILUILO RINALDI,** Italy
6—**DOUG JONES,** New York, N. Y.
7—**MIKE HOLT,** South Africa
8—**BOBO OLSON,** Portland, Ore.
9—**JOHNNY HALAFIHI,** Tonga
10—**GERMINAL BALLARIN,** France

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not over 147 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
BENNY PARET, Cuba

1—**LUIS RODRIGUEZ,** Cuba
2—**FEDERICO THOMPSON,** Argentina
3—**DENNY MOYER,** Portland, Ore.
4—**RALPH DUPAS,** New Orleans, La.
5—**DON JORDAN,** Los Angeles, Calif.
6—**EMILE GRIFFITH,** New York, N. Y.
*7—**DUILIO LOI,** Italy
8—**FLORENTINO FERNANDEZ,** Cuba
9—**CHARLEY SCOTT,** Philadelphia, Pa.
10—**SUGAR HART,** Philadelphia, Pa.

* N.B.A. Junior Welterweight Champion

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not over 126 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
DAVEY MOORE, Springfield, O.

1—**GRACIEUX LAMPERTI,** France
2—**SUGAR RAMOS,** Cuba
3—**RICARDO GONZALEZ,** Argentina
4—**SERGIO CAPRARI,** Italy
5—**PERCY LEWIS,** Trinidad, BWI.
6—**RAFIU KING,** Nigeria
7—**FELIX CERVANTES,** Los Angeles, Calif.
8—**RAY NOBILE,** Italy
9—**KAZAUO TAKAYAMA,** Japan
10—**IKE CHESTNUT,** New York, N. Y.

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not over 112 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
PONE KINGPETCH, Thailand

1—**PASCUAL PEREZ,** Argentina
2—**MIMUM BEN ALI,** Spain
3—**DOMMY URSUA,** Stockton, Calif.
4—**SADAO YAOITA,** Japan
5—**JOHNNY CALDWELL,** Ireland
6—**HIRAM BACALLAO,** Cuba
7—**RAMON ARIAS,** Venezuela
8—**EDMUNDO ESPARZA,** Mexico
9—**RISTO LUUKKONEN,** Finland
10—**MITSUNROI SEKI,** Japan

Sonny Liston, Fighter of the Month

RING honors for Fighter for the Month go to Sonny Liston on his victory over Eddie Machen. While not a scintillating match to watch, the difference in styles not helping Liston to "showcase", the fact remains that by his win Liston has disposed of all opposition standing in his way for a title shot at Floyd Patterson's heavyweight crown. . .

Surprise of the month was the unusual display of fistic ability exhibited by Mexico's Eloy Sanchez when he kayoed the bantamweight champion of the world, Joe Becerra. Not given a chance by the dopesters in their non-title match, the Mexican came up with one of the biggest upsets of the year. As a result, Becerra at 22 years of age, who figured to have many more good years left, announced his retirement from boxing.

The Ring recommends that an elimination tournament be arranged to include the top four bantams of the world so as to properly fill the title that will be vacant if Becerra stands behind his decision to retire.

Eder Jofre of Brazil, number one rated bantamweight, is due to meet Eloy Sanchez, if arrangements for their meeting in California are finalized. Such a start to a tournament would be a natural since the bout gives Sanchez a chance to get into the tourney as a result of his showing against Becerra.

The heavyweight ratings show little change with Sonny Liston a strong number one and Eddie Machen dropped from two to three, trading places with Ingemar Johansson. Dick Richardson, who kayoed Brian London moves up from tenth to ninth with Billy Hunter falling into the tenth spot.

Doug Jones, New York City light heavyweight, moves up in his class from eighth to sixth due to knockout over Bobo Olson, with Olson taking the skid from seventh to eighth (the loss blights his comeback chances). Inactive Mike Holt falls from sixth to seventh.

Don Fullmer and Jesse Smith drew with Gustav Scholz and Henry Hank thereby gaining posts as the ninth and tenth rated middleweights.

There has been a flurry of action among the welters with underdog Emile Griffith of New York upsetting Cuba's Florentino Fernandez, causing the New Yorker to climb from tenth to sixth with Fernandez sliding from sixth to eighth. Duilio Loi, Italian, who captured the mythical Junior Welterweight title from Carlos Ortiz, eases up from eighth to seventh with Charley Scott, loser to Ralph Dupas, moving downward from seventh to ninth. Philadelphia's Sugar Hart drops from ninth to tenth due to inactivity.

The lightweights have no change with the exception of Carlos Ortiz, who was penalized one spot for his loss to Loi; he drops to second and Dave Charnley of England takes his place as lead off man for the 135 pounders.

Among the featherweights Ricardo Gonzalez, loser to Danny Valdez, hits the toboggan from one to third with Frenchman Gracieux Lamperti moving up from second to the first post. Sugar Ramos, a constant winner and kayo victor over Jesus Santamaria, moves up from fifth to second; Percy Lewis, held to a draw by Billy Calvert, is down from third to fifth.

Eloy Sanchez is a new face in the bantamweight class. His win over Becerra places him in eighth with Billy Rafferty eliminated to make room for him. Ignacio Pina pulls up from seventh to sixth with Joe Medel slipping to seventh from sixth. Jose Lopez and Leo Espinosa both move down from eighth and ninth to ninth and tenth respectively.

Only changes among the flyweights were Edmundo Esparza, winner over Baby Moe Mario, up from ninth to eighth, and inactive Risto Luukkonen down from eighth to ninth.

PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

HEAVYWEIGHT—Sonny Banks, Detroit, Mich.
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT—Dave Russell, Atlantic City, N. J.
MIDDLEWEIGHT—Jimmy Shaw, Minneapolis, Minn.
WELTERWEIGHT—Frank Sallee, Cleveland, O.
LIGHTWEIGHT—Dom DiCarlo, New Orleans, La.
FEATHERWEIGHT—Rafelito Navarro, Puerto Rico
BANTAMWEIGHT—Alfredo Rodriguez, El Paso, Texas
FLYWEIGHT—Luis Jimenez, Mexico

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Sonny Liston defeated Eddie Machen, 12.

European champion Dick Richardson retained his title stopping Brian London, 8. British Empire champion Henry Cooper defeated Roy Harris, 10.

Howard King defeated Tommy (Hurricane) Jackson, 10. Wayne Bethea kayoed Ike Thomas, 5. George Logan whipped Donnie Fleeman, 10. Zora Folley outpointed Willi Besmanoff, 10.

Italian champion Federico Friso edged out Walter Haufft, 10. Franco Cavicchi defeated light heavy Horst Niche, 10. Jose Gonzalez upset Rocco Mazzola, 10.

George Moore halted Johnny Gray, 7. Hank Thurman defeated Cordell Jones, 10. Ulli Nitzchke kayoed Kitone Lave, 2. Elmer Hardy stopped Earl Atley, 4.

Thad Spencer defeated Theo LoLanzo, 6. John Massey kayoed Andy Isaac, 1. Ken Kelly kayoed Joe Louis Adams, 8. Bill Stephan kayoed Rossevelt Luggin, 2.

Tod Herring kayoed Bill DeSoto, 5. Tony Alongi kayoed Norman Wright, 1.

Jerry Bailey kayoed Bob Ludgate, 3. George Johnson whipped Bennie Lee Bowser, 6. Bob Avery kayoed Gene Walker, 1.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

World Champion Archie Moore kayoed George Abinet, 4 (non-title).

British and Empire champion Chic Calderwood defeated Willie Pastrano, 10. Paul Wright outpointed Yvon Durelle, 10.

Doug Jones kayoed Carl (Bobo) Olson, 6. Freddy Blades outpointed Sonny Ray, 10.

Jerry Luedee stopped Bartolo Soni, 10. Horst Niche lost to heavyweight Franco Cavicchi, 10. Harry Ball kayoed Erwin Hack, 3.

Dieter Wemhoener defeated Uwe Janssen, 8. Rodolfo Diaz whipped Jose Manzur, 10. Otho Brown defeated Joe Moss, 8, and drew with Tony Masciarelli, 6. Zeke Taylor and Bobo Reckley, drew, 10.

Connie Vaughn kayoed Willie Parker, 7. Clarence Alford stopped Kent Green, 6. Dean Bogany stopped Carlton Lincoln, 5. Manfried Hass defeated Alex Buxton, 8. Jimmy Hartzell kayoed Willie Yankovich, 3.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

European titleholder Gustav Scholz whipped John McCormack, 10. Scholz was held to a surprise draw by Don Fullmer, 10. John had kayoed George Aldridge, 9.

Freddie Little kayoed Bill Stanley, 2.

Eddie Thompson kayoed Itlo Scortichini, 3. Neal Rivers and Eddie Andrews drew, 12. French champion Jean Ruellet defeated Eduard Lewko, 10. Henry Hank was held to a draw by Jesse Smith, 10.

Abrao DeSousa defeated Bernardo Romero, 10. Rudy Sawyer kayoed Armando Muniz, 6. Baby Linares decisioned Julio Carrera, 10. Alan Harman kayoed Sal Fuentes, 4.

Santiago Gutierrez decisioned Karl-Heinz Guder, 10, and stopped Manuel Gutierrez, 4. Ubaldo Sacco kayoed Juan Carlos Diaz, 5. Obduilio Nunez halted Hans Werner Wohlers, 5. Farid Salim defeated Andres Selpa, 10. Kelvin Scott halted Johnny Adams, 7. Don Sargent kayoed Reggie Hughes, 4, but was stopped by Lee Ballard, 5.

Tony Montano defeated Rudy Smith, 10. Cal Brown defeated Johnny Osborne, 10. Francisco deOliveira won from Juan Carlos Castellanos, 8. Jose Zapata stopped Nicolas Torres, 2, and bested Manuel Gutierrez, 10.

Al Taylor beat Kid Striker, 6. Hayward Johnson halted Dick Young, 4. George Price kayoed Al McCoy, 3. Glen Burgess and Bobby Lee drew, 6.

Murphy Holmes whipped Jim Boybard, 6. Mel Fulgham stopped Ed Hickman, 4. Marty Kaplan won over Eddie Quince, 6. Robert Yarbrough won over Henry Burton, 6.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Ralph Dupas repeated over Charley Scott, 12.

Don Jordan kayoed Jess Bogart, 1. Duilio Loi won the Junior Welterweight title outpointing Carlos Ortiz, 15.

Emile Griffith defeated Florentino Fernandez, 10. Gaspar Ortega defeated Enrique Esqueda, 10.

Andres Osorio gained the Chilean title outpointing Luis Nunez, 12. British Empire Champion Brian Curvis stopped Emile Vlaeminck, 3, and Johnny Gorman, 9. Marcele Vargas kayoed Paco Castro, 4. Mick Leahy defeated Boswell St. Louis, 10. Joe Salci defeated Stefan Redl, 10. Wenzel Bociek kayoed Mario Altana, 8.

Vince Martinez kayoed Bobby Shaw, 4. Wally Swift outpointed Assane Fakyh, 10. Celestino Pinto stopped Gregorio Rivero, 9. Memo Ayon kayoed Agustin Rosales, 6. Dave Cervantes kayoed Al Mendoza, 7. Tony Smith decisioned Eddie Jordan, 10. Jimmy McGrail won over Larry Baker, 8.

Everado Armenta kayoed Enrique Arreola, 4. Charley Douglas stopped Maxie Carlos, 9. Bobby Brown won over Billy Collins, 10. Beto Gerardo kayoed Manny Ortega, 7, and Julio Ramos, 7. Charlie Baker won over Kid Banga, 10.

Henry White defeated Willie Moran, 8, and drew with Cecil Shorts, 8. Chivo Diaz kayoed Pete Holguin, 2. Sugar Cliff defeated Glen Holloway, 8. Marcos Rubio kayoed Raton Perez, 5, and again in 7. Eddie Pace outpointed Silvestre Villarreal, 10.

Luis Garduno whipped Bob Mercer, 8. Levi Campbell defeated Sugar Boy Green, 8. Roberto Chetta beat Juan Carlos Velardez, 10. Don Weller kayoed Nick Triviski, 1. Curtis Cokes stopped Pedro Ruiz, 3, and Joe Louis Hargrove, 10. Rocky Kalingo kayoed Omsap Laempfapha, 1.

John Powell halted Tommy Payne, 5. Benny Castillo defeated Sam Gray, 6. Coyote Sarabia stopped Arturo Macias, 5. Hestel Franks kayoed Rocky Hull, 3. Willie Ross kayoed John Page, 6.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

World Champion Joe Brown made his first start since recovering from an injury and stopped Harlow Irwin, 5 (non-title).

Carlos Ortiz lost his NBA jr. Welterweight title by decision to Duilio Loi, 15.

Battling Torres outscored Paul Jorgensen, 10. Arthur Persley

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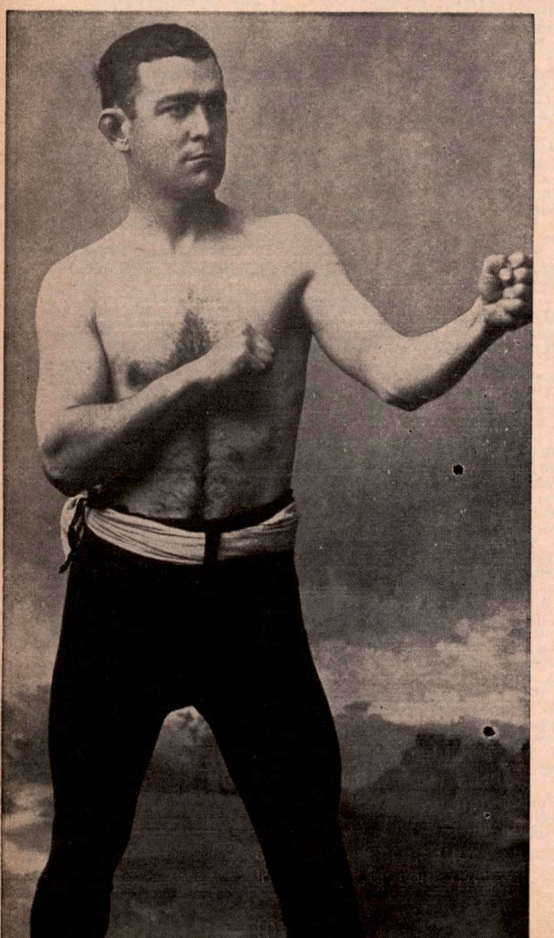
Paul Pender, (left) world middleweight champion, poked a left into the face of the NBA middles ruler, Gene Fullmer, when they clashed five years ago in Brooklyn. Paul suffered two broken hands but went the limit and lost a close decision. Should Gene defeat Ray Robinson in their scheduled bout another meeting between them will give back to boxing a single champion.

Titular Disputes Such As Now Rages Between Gene Fullmer And Paul Pender For Middleweight Recognition Is Old Hat Among 160 Pounders



MIDDLEWEIGHTS MEAN UNREST

By LESTER BROMBERG

FOR ways that are strange and conflicts beyond common-sense understanding, the middleweight championship is far out—and all by itself.

Search long enough in the attic of history, you'll discover everything has happened with the middleweights, they've had destiny at their elbow doling out fortune and misfortune.

All of which makes it plain that the current titular recognition dispute between Gene Fullmer and Paul Pender is standard order of procedure in a division of consistent argumentation.

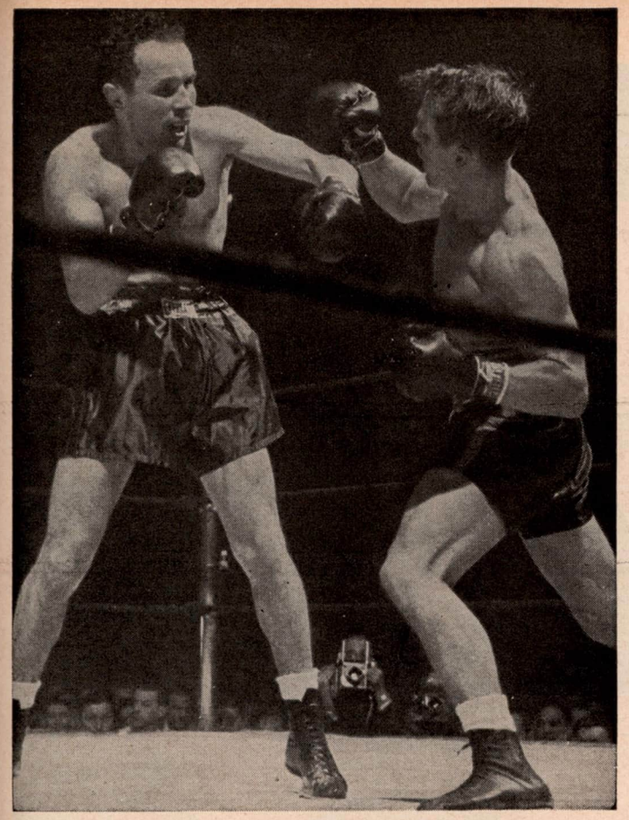
In fact, the middleweight crown has been the fountainhead of all the interminable jurisdictional warring between the National Boxing Association and independent State Athletic Commissions, notably New York's. Now Gene is the N.B.A.'s boy, Paul the independents' baby.

There were clashes preceding World War II: in the early thirties, when Mickey Walker walked away from the title to move up, and continuing until Tony Zale resolved the wrangle just before Pearl Harbor.

When Sugar Ray Robinson, a flawless ring mechanic then, moved onto the throne in 1950, fight people harbored the illusion of stability coming in with him.

There were clashes preceding World War II: in the early thirties, when liant but erratic course resulted in his having no less than five separate reigns, a record for any division.

Jack Dempsey, "The Nonpareil", who gained the right to the title after the retirement of Mike Donovan way back in 1884.



Tony Zale (right), moves in on Georgie Abrams during their bout in Madison Square Garden in 1941. Zale the N.B.A. champion whipped Abrams who was chosen by New York State after their champion Billy Soose vacated his share of the title.

The present duality of champions is directly traceable to Sugar's vagaries. Twice over, too. His stubbornness on working out a third fight with Carmen Basilio prompted the N.B.A. to move against him. A Fullmer-Basilio bout in 1959 produced champ No. 1. And, when he (Ray) fought Pender early in 1960, Paul's victory created Champ No. 2.

The spell of misadventure is a richer, deeper vein, however.

Study it in the early-day career of the champion known as Jack (The Nonpareil) Dempsey, whose true name had been Kelly.

The Nonpareil, a Brooklyn barrel-maker who became titleholder within 15 months after his start, defended his championship against Johnny Reagan in an illegal fight under London Prize Ring rules that had a tragic aftermath.

Imperative secrecy made it necessary to hold the match "somewhere on Long Island Sound," near New York, with the combatants and spectators transported on tugboats to a beach locale.

They fought in December, starting at 8 A.M. and going until almost 1 P.M., because a shift in tide flooded the ring in which they'd begun.

Fighting on turf, Reagan twice spiked Dempsey, opening one five-inch gash below the left knee. . . . The Nonpareil's seconds medicated it by pouring half a bottle of whisky over the wound!

The temperature dropped 20 degrees to below freezing and a snowfall arrived but the issue wasn't decided until the 45th round: Reagan's seconds tossed in the towel.

Yet those on the scene were firm in belief that victory had taken a heavier toll of the winner than the loser. The New York Herald's witness wrote: "As friends led him from the scene, Dempsey's face was ashen, his eyes hollow. If he does not rest for a year or more, he will doom himself."

Dempsey was back fighting within a few months. He continued to punish himself. When he met Bob Fitzsimmons for the title at New Orleans, Fitz had him on the floor seven times in the 11th round alone.

"*Give up,*" Bob begged the battered Dempsey, "*you know you've had it.*"

"*I won't quit,*" he snapped back, "*you make me.*"

He did. It ended in the 13th.

The decline of the Nonpareil now was in full stride. In what was to prove his last fight, with Tommy Ryan, the onetime full-blown middleweight was wasted away to a lightweight.

Within less than a year Dempsey, who had gone to Portland, Ore., was dead of consumption at 33. His grave was unmarked. M. J. McMahon, his attorney, wrote a poem which has since become memorable, "The Nonpareil's Grave." Admirers in the east including the Ring Magazine, raised funds to erect a headstone, on which was engraved the poem.

If The Nonpareil inspired poetry, Stanley Ketchel had the meteoric existence to stir a dramatist. This handsome, reckless Polish youth from Grand Rapids, Mich., surged swiftly to the top on gifts of skill and daring. But fate crossed his path apart from the ring—and there was the drama.

Sugar Ray Robinson, who once again holds the key to the title situation. At 40, he could upset Fullmer and once again scramble the picture as his two losses to Pender eliminated him from title consideration. But now the N.B.A. in approving him for a title match with Fullmer has opened the door for Ray to gain a title claim for the sixth time.

Hard-hitting Ketchel had regained his title by knocking out Billy Papke in a return and went to relax on the ranch of a friend in Conway, Mo.

Stanley's relaxation was importunate. He liked a girl who cooked at the ranch and it's record that she didn't discourage him. She had a prior boy friend, Walter A. Dipley, a ranch hand, who objected; he even asked Ketchel to stake his claims elsewhere. Stanley was stubborn and defiant.

The very next day the champion was eating in the cookhouse when the angered boy friend stormed in with a rifle. He emptied the weapon at point-blank range and Ketchel pitched onto his face, a bullet through his lung.

Internal bleeding was intense. They got him to a hospital

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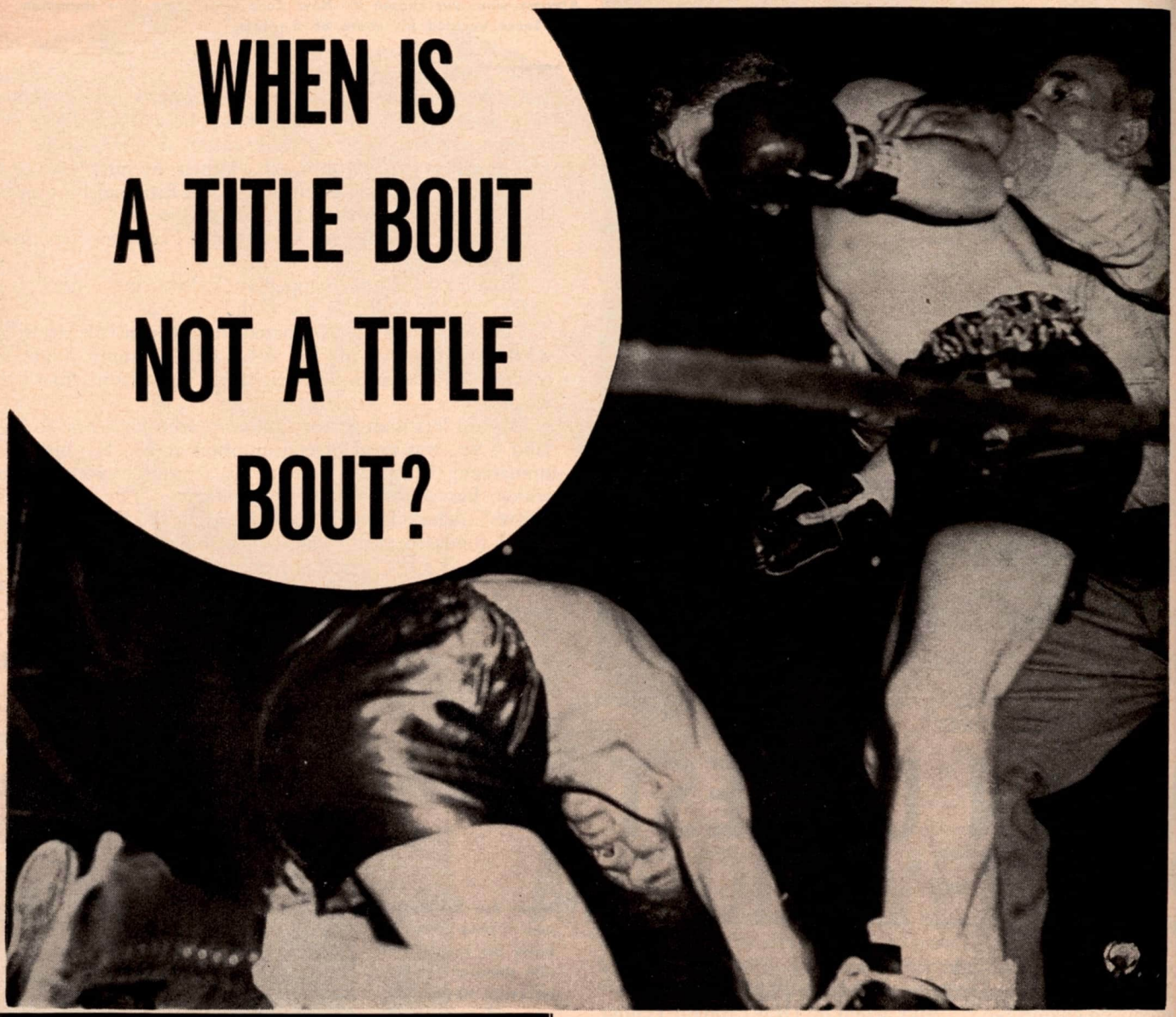
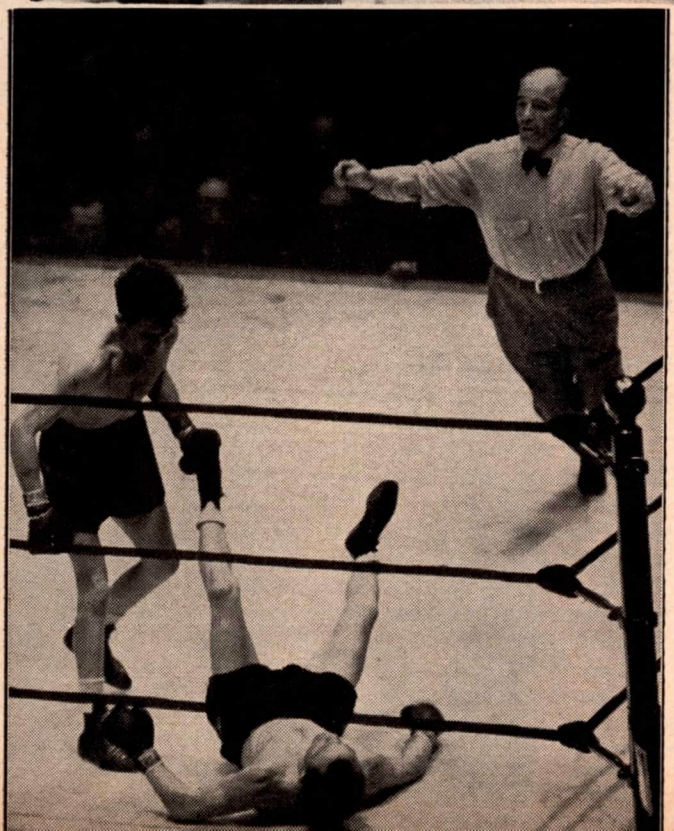
WHEN IS A TITLE BOUT NOT A TITLE BOUT?





(above) Referee Billy Cavanaugh hauls Elizabeth, N. J. idol Freddie (Red) Cochrane away from Lew Jenkins after Cochrane had dropped the Sweetwater Swatter in the second round of their non-title championship clash.

(left) Same referee, different result—Jenkins sent Lew Ambers into dreamland, gaining the lightweight crown with a three round kayo.

By LEW ESKIN

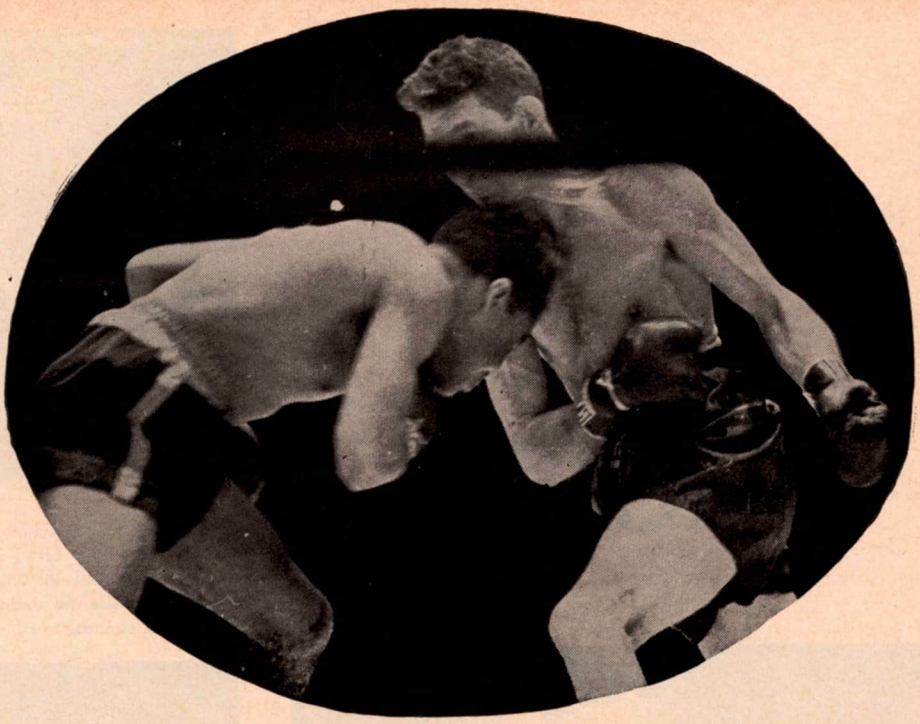
WHEN is a title bout not a title bout?

That was a tantalizing problem twenty years ago, in 1940, when the strangest series of bouts in the history of boxing took place.

It is distinctly understood that when champion and challenger enter the ring scaling below their class weight limit, the title is at stake. But during his reign as flyweight champion, Pascual Perez and his opponents in Argentine bouts were frequently inside the 112-pound limit, sometimes scaling only 108 and 109, yet it was agreed in advance that Perez's laurels were not involved. As it happened, any possible complications were averted by Perez's winning.

Twice in 1940, and once the following year, Lew Jenkins, then world lightweight champion, fought three successive rulers of the welterweight roost who came in below their class limit, 147 pounds, but their laurels were not at stake.

It was a unique development in boxing. Although there



(left) Fritzie Zivic, the clever Pittsburgher, who fought to a draw with Jenkins in another of the catch-weight bouts. (above) Hammerin' Henry Armstrong moves in on Jenkins during their bout that saw Armstrong halt his foe in the sixth round of their Polo Grounds meeting.

have been many cases of champions of lighter divisions moving up to clash with heavier champions, the titles of the bigger men invariably have been on the line, as in the Ray Robinson-Jake LaMotta and Carmen Basilio-Robinson bouts, when the smaller rivals, after relinquishing their titles, became champions of the next division. Then, there have been other instances where the smaller champions lost, as in the Kid Gavilan-Bobo Olson; Olson-Archie Moore; Moore-Rocky Marciano; Moore-Floyd Patterson; Robinson-Joey Maxim and Maxim-Ezzard Charles bouts, when the losers went back to their own divisions after failing in their ambitious quests for the heavier crowns.

Jenkins, however, fought three welterweight champions, Henry Armstrong, Fritzie Zivic and Freddie (Red) Cochrane without the latter trio risking their precious laurels, despite the fact that in every bout the principals weighed under the 147-pound limit.

The story had its beginning in 1939 when Jenkins arrived in New York with a very ordinary record behind him. He had been fighting five years when he hit the Big Town, and in 29 starts had accounted for 15 wins and two draws against 12 defeats. He had been knocked out four times and the only top-grade fighters he had faced defeated him.

It may have been the change or climate or a sudden ambition that gripped him, but the "Sweetwater Swatter" became an immediate sensation. Fighting at the old Queensboro Arena in Long Island City, he reeled off five straight wins, over Bud Breese, Joey Fontana, Breese again, Ginger Foran and Primo Flores, the latter two by knockouts. Crossing over to Manhattan, he continued his conquests by repeating over Flores and adding to his list of victims the names of Mike Belloise and the highly regarded Canadian, Billy Marquart, to close out the year.

Returning to Texas, Jenkins finished off Chino Alvarez in thirteen seconds, to avenge a previous kayo suffered by Alvarez.

Back in New York, Jenkins posted a quick one-round knockout of Tippy Larkin, and that performance earned him a chance at the lightweight title, held by the popular Lou Ambers.

Ambers, who had first gained the title by beating Tony Canzoneri in 1936, had lost it to Henry Armstrong in 1938 and regained it from Hammerin' Hank the following year. He was considered too fast and too clever a boxer for the hard-hitting but unschooled Texan. Hadn't Lou turned back such formidable opponents as Pedro Montanez and Baby Arizmendi, as well as Canzoneri and Armstrong, and only a few months before had given heavy-fisted Al (Bummy) Davis a boxing lesson in the same Madison Square Garden ring where he was to face Jenkins?

So Ambers pitted that speed and cleverness against Jenkins' powerful punch, and in less than nine minutes the gangling Texan had Lou taken completely apart, flooring him four times in the third and final round.

Ambers was not satisfied. He claimed that two right-hand blows to the jaw, delivered after the bell had ended the second round, had left him groggy and rubber-legged, and he hadn't fully recovered when the third round began.

Jenkins agreed to give Ambers a return bout, but first there was, to him, a more important goal to shoot at. He wanted to meet the welterweight champion, Armstrong.

Henry, who had flashed into the limelight even more dramatically than Jenkins by winning three world titles—featherweight, lightweight and welterweight—within a year, was willing to accommodate Jenkins, but not with his one remaining championship, the welterweight, at stake. The articles called for the fighters to weigh in at 140

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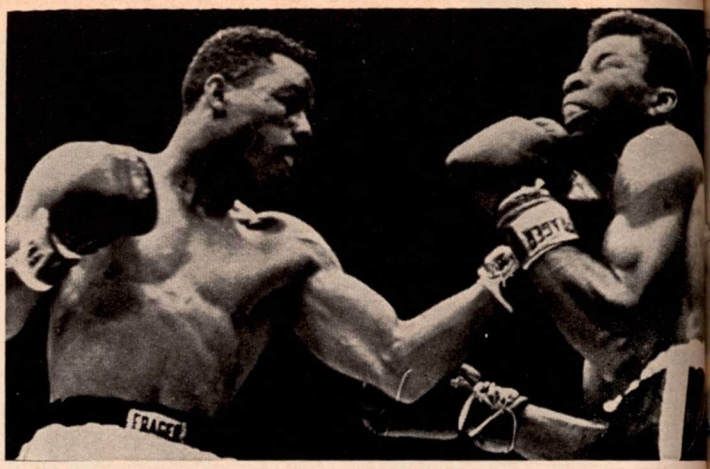
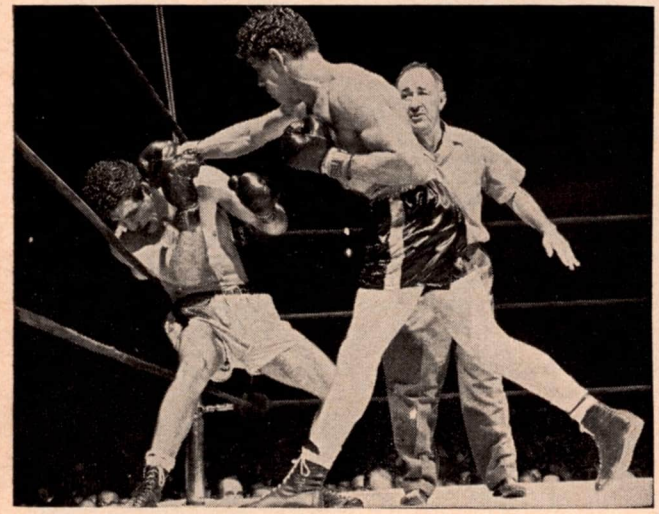


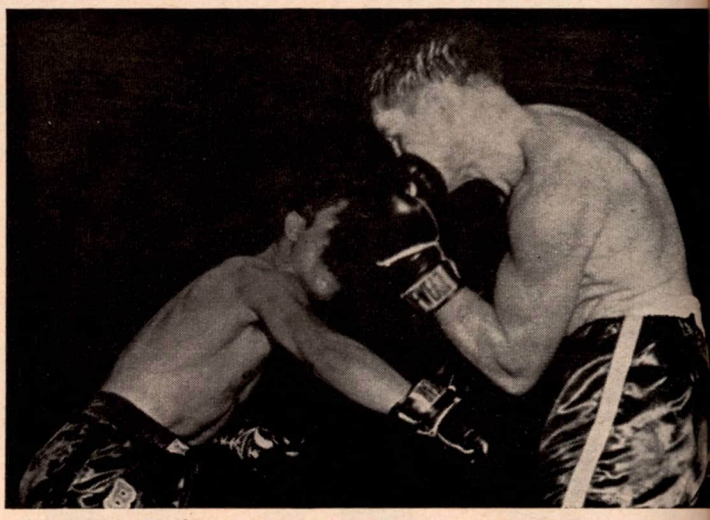
CHIN UP!

Detroit's Gene Gresham has his face lifted by a powerful left hook landed by Leroy Jeffery in the third round of their lightweight TV bout in Chicago Stadium. However, he came back strong to take the unanimous decision over his fellow townsman after ten rounds.



BEGINNING OF THE END

Bartolo Soni of the Dominican Republic is sent reeling into the ropes under the attack of New Haven's Jerry Luedee in the tenth round of their bout in Madison Square Garden. A few moments later the referee halted the contest between the hard hitting 175 pounders and declared Luedee the victor. The fight, a slugfest from the start, moved Jerry back into the spotlight.

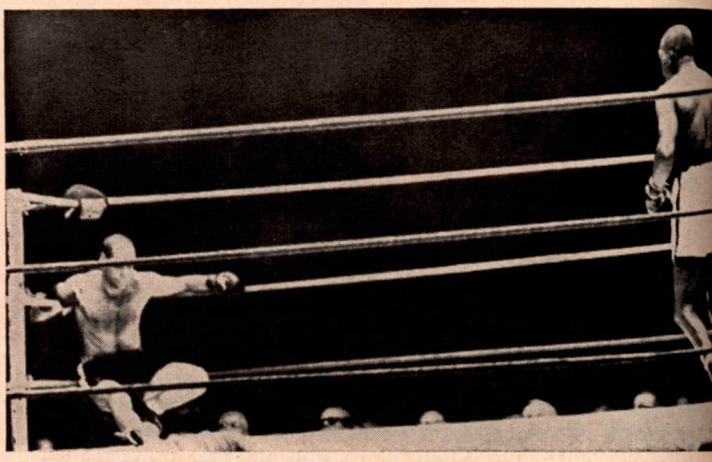


BATTLING BACK.

Raymundo (Battling) Torres of Mexico, moves in on Paul Jorgensen of Port Arthur, Texas, during their lightweight bout at Houston, that saw Torres win a split decision after ten fast rounds. The win was a big one for the Mexican youngster who has been kayoed in two of his last three bouts.

LEFT IS LEFT!

European middleweight king Gustav Scholz of Germany, ran into a tartar in his fellow southpaw John (Cowboy) McCormack of Scotland, in their Berlin bout. Although Gustav won the decision John (right) made a fine showing against the top rated German.



BOBO TAKES A SEAT!

Former middleweight champion Carl (Bobo) Olson sags to the canvas in the sixth round after taking a right to the jaw from young Doug Jones of New York. Olson the 32 year oldster now living in Portland, Oregon, was out in front when he ran into a right uppercut during their Chicago TV bout and it was all over for Bobo and Doug had his 16th straight win.

NAT FLEISCHER SAW MANY PROSPECTS AMONG OLYMPIANS

THERE were a lot of professional prospects in the Olympic boxing tournament in Rome. In fact, our very impressive light heavyweight Cassius Clay, amazing 18-year-old from Louisville, already has become a pro, under the management of William Reynolds, a wealthy industrialist who became tremendously intrigued by the lad's possibilities when he saw him in Olympic action.

Count de Compolo, of the Italian Federation, told me that a number of Italians sought cards for professional fighting prior to the Games, but were refused this permission. However, he said those who wish to will now get permission to enter the punch-for-pay field, and Italy, in particular, will benefit considerably since all its Olympic standard bearers are ready to go pro.

The Italians showed the best number of prospects. From flyweights right through the heavyweights their standard bearers are ready and well prepared to tackle the money chasers.

Best of the lot is Giovanna Benvenuti, its gold medalist in the welter class, who received the Val Borker cup for best all around work in the tournament. Then comes Carmelo Bossi, its light middleweight, a lad who will go a long way if he continues in the sport.

Sandro Lopopolo, its lightweight, one of the most popular in the group, is another who should make the grade as a pro. Primo Zamparini, bantam, is as good right now as most of the professionals I've seen around Europe.

A boy who will go a long way is Pierro Brandi, light welter. He has what it takes—a good sock, can take a punch and is very aggressive.

That he didn't enter the higher bracket and probably have been Quincy Daniels' opponent in the finals, is because of the exceedingly poor verdict that gave Bohumil Nemecek of Czechoslavakia the decision in the quarter finals.

Ion Monea, Italy middleweight, is a tough hombre. He has a good wallop, is fast and aggressive. He should be an excellent attraction.

The man who would prove one of the outstanding attractions in European heavyweight fighting, is medal winner Fransisco De Piccoli. His victory over Josef Nemec, of Czechoslavakia, by a 4 to 1 vote, over the Russian giant champion, Andrea Abromov by decision in three rounds, and his quick knockout of the South African champion, Daniel Bekker, the most experienced of all the heavies in the competition, made him the hero of the Italians.

Unfortunately, he is going into the army. He won't be available for pro competition. He is only 22, stands 6 feet 3 and has a thunderous punch though he lacks science. His hitting power plus his fighting courage of which he has plenty, makes him an excellent prospect and should help European pro boxing if he can be induced to fight for money.

So much for the Italians. The American contingent comes next with Clay, and Sergeant Crook, leading.

McClure still has to finish his stretch in the army at Fort Campbell, after which he hopes to go after the big dough.

One of the best little boxers seen in the Rome Games is Humberto Berrera, the Texas 18 year old schoolboy, whose stance, boxing and sharp hitting make him the outstanding amateur prospect in the States. He is the equal of our best pros. Though eliminated in a decision that was received with jeers and catcalls, he was the class of his division in all around generalship.

Jerry Armstrong, the Pocatello, Idaho State College 24 year old boxer intends to turn pro. He has an excellent college boxing record and is a fine prospect.

Harry Campbell, 22 year old San Jose College student and member of that school's famous championship team, is undecided about his future in boxing. He was a member of the Melbourne Olympic team and remarked:

"I'd like to keep my amateur status for the Japanese Games, but by that time I'll be too old, so I think I might consider taking a fling at the pro sport."

Another outstanding prospect is Daniels, bronze medal winner who lost to Nemecek in an exceedingly raw verdict.

Daniels, only 19, hails from Seattle, Washington where he is a student at Garfield High School. I pick him as one of the outstanding boxers in the light welter class in the Rome tournament.

Phil Baldwin, 18, of Muskegon Heights, Michigan, National AAU champion, looks like a comer in the welter class.

The lone West African ever to win a medal in any Olympics, Ike Clement Quartey, coached and trained by Roy Ankarah, first of his people to win the British Empire feather championship, is an excellent prospect. He is a tall, well developed boxer, can handle himself at long range or infighting and will make a good addition to the pro field. Ankarak hopes to send him to England for further development. He won a silver medal.

Korea displayed a good light welter in Kim Duck, who, though he went no further than the quarter finals, possesses what it takes for a boxing career. He stopped Raoul Serrazin of Canada and Amarista Vargas of Venezuela. He learned his boxing from the American soldiers in Korea.

Germany showed several boxers who could be of great help to the pro sport in Europe. The best is heavyweight Gunter Siegmund of East Germany, who unfortunately cannot turn to the money ranks due to the Communist regulations. However, Emil Willer, a southpaw light heavyweight, has the makings of a good pro. He lost a close one to Pietrzykowski but has a good punch and carries himself well. Harry Lempio, a lightweight and Werner Kirsch, each of whom hopes to follow a pro career, were the best of the German group. Horst Rascher, bantam, is their outstanding boxer. He is fast, handles himself well, fights steadily, carries a good jab and has a good hook.

The best among the British was Bill Fisher, light middleweight. He has a perfect fighting stance and punches well at close range. James Lloyd, the welter, is another whose prospects are bright. If he should decide to turn in his amateur card, he'll do well in Britain.

Lloyd says he hopes to continue in boxing while Dick McTaggart, Olympic Melbourne medalist, declared he will retire.

Australia's Tony Madigan, though along in years to turn pro now, would do a nifty job in Australian and American competition. He has improved considerably from the Tony we saw in the Melbourne Games and in New York.

The only other Australian to show good fighting qualities is Ollie Taylor, the bantam, who won a bronze medal. He looms as a good prospect.

South Africa showed only one fighter of ability who should be of great help to his country's boxing ranks, William Meyers, a featherweight, whose boxing is superb.

Wilhelm Ludick, the South African light welter who lost by a horrible decision to Vladimar Engibaryan of Russia, is another whom I fancy. It was the decision against him that brought 100 police into the arena to keep order after the Russian got the raw nod.

A Matter of Personality

By TED CARROLL

THAT placid Patterson personality so long unappreciated in his native United States has turned out to be the rage of Sweden where by a unanimity of opinion, the current heavyweight champion's reception has exceeded any ever accorded a touring celebrity. While this claim may sound extravagant it is borne out by the facts and incidents surrounding the overseas jaunt. The turnout of 40,000 people for a mere exhibition—as was the case in Floyd's first showing in Stockholm on Aug. 11—is unprecedented. For a crowd of this proportion—surpassing the announced attendance for the Johansson title fight in June itself—to show up for a mere workout is incredible. The sparring completed, Patterson had difficulty leaving the ring due to the press of bouquet bearing enthusiasts who blocked the aisles to his dressing room. When he appeared on the street, Patterson was deluged with delighted idolizers, offering gifts and salutations. Dispatches describe autograph seekers running roughshod over each other in their efforts to get to the champ.

What happened in his initial appearance in the Swedish capital was repeated everywhere else the champion put on his show. In a town with a listed population of 3000, 12,000 showed up for his exhibition. An indoor record of 8000 attendance was posted at another stop on his itinerary which included Stockholm, Goteborg, Malmo, Jonkoping, Karlstad and Gaule. He gave 22 exhibitions in all receiving $2000 each time. He made a point of spending it all in Sweden.

According to reports from over there the ladies have been particularly impressed by Patterson's poise, dignified demeanor, modulated voice, and air of gentility. Nor has Patterson been laggard in returning the Swedes' affectionate display, visiting hospitals and other public institutions, making charitable donations, baby-kissing and catering to the Swedish small fry at every opportunity. Not since the great Greta Garbo herself, was at the zenith of her career, has this Scandinavian country been so prolific with its plaudits for any notable, foreign or homegrown. Even the King was affected and slated an audience with the lionized American boxing champion.

Back in the States, there has been some wonderment over this development, particularly since Patterson, have for a guest of acclaim following his regaining the championship, is still taken in stride by the American public, who like the deprived party in a long lost romance, can't forget Jack Dempsey and Joe Louis. But foreigners suffer from no such Freudian complex and over there the reserved and well mannered Patterson is receiving a champion's due.

All of this accentuates the clear American preference for "color" in their idols, sporting and otherwise. Quite often in this country "characters" usurp the spotlight from highly capable champions.

Tony Galento for example attracted more attention than champion Ezzard Charles during their respective heydays. Primo Carnera was a greater source of copy and interest than undefeated Rocky Marciano. It is claimed that Gene Tunney always brooded over the disparity in acclaim accorded him and others of more flamboyance, but far less right to public adulation.

Over here boxers of the type who have dominated the middleweight class cause the crowds to collect about them, dating back to Stanley Ketchel a half century ago, a handsome much publicized crowd pleaser who cut some fancy capers from coast to coast. His footprints along the bright light trail were followed by Harry Greb and Mickey Walker, gregarious lovers of the gay life, in the Twenties and Thirties. Rocky Graziano's "dead-end kid" didoes captured the public imagination in the Forties, and since his fadeout Sugar Ray Robinson, irridescent and irrepressible, has never completely relinquished the limelight, during five separate reigns as middleweight champion.

Some thirty years ago wily Walk Miller an astute Southern gentleman, sponsoring an unusually reticent and self effacing charge in Tiger Flowers although the possessor of a spectacular southpaw style, made the public Tiger Flowers-conscious by adding a dash of religion to the Tiger's drabness. As the Georgia Deacon, God-fearing but fist fighting, the Tiger came to considerable prominence.

Max Baer is always recalled as the prize specimen of the extrovert who attracted the crowds. He was boxing's original "Mr. Personality." Joe Louis was the "Quiet Man", who reached Olympian heights as a public hero. Joe's great ability relieved him of the necessity of using any spotlight grabbing gimmick, but besides this there was about him a strange magnetism, which even today—years after his active career—causes autograph seekers and admirers to inundate him when he appears in public. The same thing, of course, is true of Dempsey.

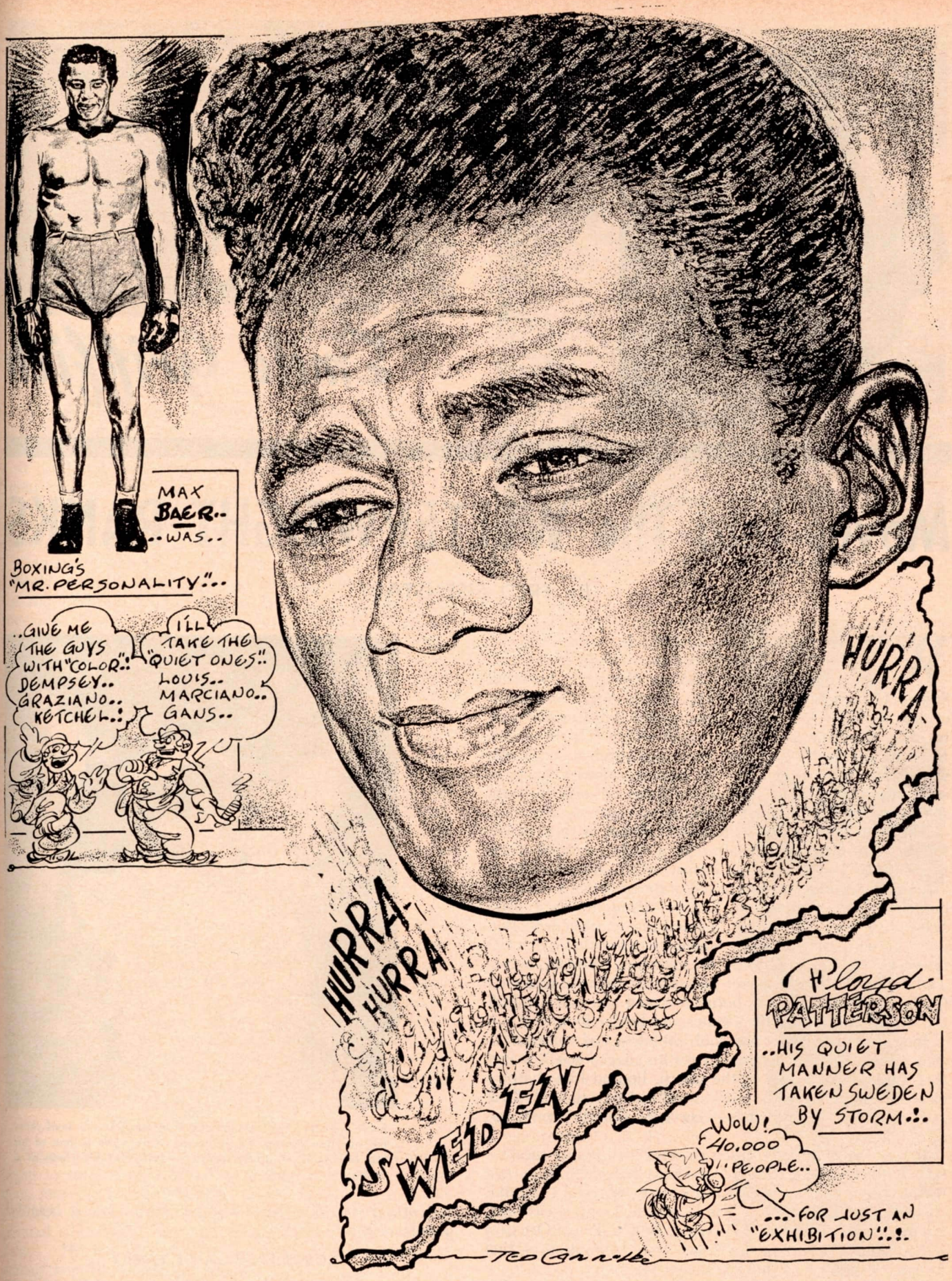
In a glowing tribute to Dempsey, noted writer Bob Considine, pinpointed his perennial appeal as being that of a "gentleman" citing instances where Jack has showed a rare consideration for others.

A glaring example of a champion whose acceptance by the public would have been vastly different had he been marked by a retiring personality comes to mind in Jack Johnson. Johnson himself never felt that way. As heavyweight champion of the world he saw no reason why the whole world should not be made duly conscious of that fact, like it or no! This might have been all right but for the reason that in doing so Johnson went beyond the bounds of convention for those times, with the result that he wound up with exile rather than exaltation as his fate.

It could easily have been the other way around despite the racial climate of those days, since Johnson while given slightly to bragadoccio, was pleasant mannered, articulate, congenial and intelligent. Some hint of what Johnson might have been as a public idol is found in the public reaction to him in his final years. Striding down Broadway in New York, bound for the sideshow appearance which was his main source of livelihood for many years, the beretted, cane carrying former champion would be the recipient of good natured greetings and well wishes from all sides. Even the press which belabored him lustily in his championship years mellowed towards their one time target in his last days, fully conceding his great talent and minimizing his so called "faults".

The passing of time often throws new limelight on the withdrawn personalities of the ring. No less a figure than aloof Gene Tunney now evokes a respect amounting to awe from the public due as much to the fact that he has been outstandingly successful in later life as to his status as one of the two retired undefeated heavyweight champions.

Many felt that Rocky Marciano, the reserved, unas-



suming type was short changed by the public in handing out its enconiums. Here as in Tunney's case the old Brockton Blockbuster is attaining new eminence as time goes by, aided no little by the sound common sense statements and writings which are often attributed to him. If he stays retired, and his record as undefeated remains as is, Marciano as the years go by will undoubtedly take on a

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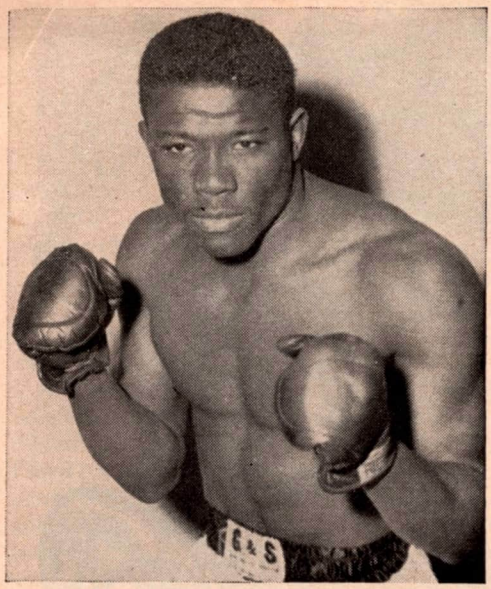


Emile Griffith, ex Golden Glove star who has moved into a position among the top welterweight contenders following his recent win over Florentino Fernandez.

Emile Griffith

Moves Into The WELTERWEIGHT RANKS

By FRED EISENSTADT

WHEN youthful Emile Griffith, Jr., with only 16 pro bouts to his credit, took the measure of veteran welterweight contender Gaspar Ortega in Madison Square Garden last February, he proved what had been evident early in his career, namely that he was destined to make pugilistic progress in rapid order. This was not based merely on the fact that Emile had been a consistent winner but because he takes his boxing seriously, he pays strict attention to orders and makes it his business to learn something from every bout in which he engages.

The New York boxing writers went all out in their praise for the new fistic favorite after his Ortega triumph. One in particular had this to say about his sensational victory: *"It was a sizzling, action-packed imbroglio, with Griffith outboxing and outpunching Gaspar—reputedly an Indian brave with heaps of courage, a slambang scrapper who not only can withstand explosive wallops but fire them as well. However, in Emile Griffith the seasoned Ortega met a Tartar who dealth out fiercer punishment than he received. Griffith outjabbed Gaspar, outmaneuvered him and cinched the verdict by landing the cleaner and harder blows."*

Indeed the newcomer was cool, confident and competent, showing neither fear nor respect for his rugged rival's flying fists, Emile beat Gaspar to the punch, hooked him sharply, cleverly countered with quick combinations that thrilled and delighted the watchers—especially Griffith's enthusiastic followers.

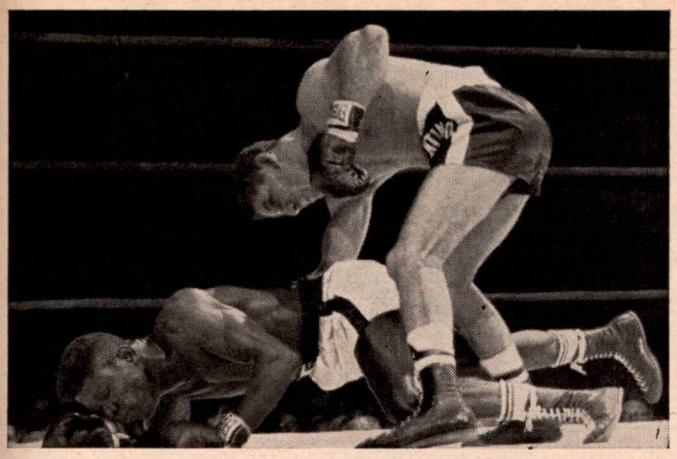
It was Emile's third Garden showing—all highly successful. Early in 1959, the 5-foot-7½ welterweight in a co-feature 10-rounder whipped Kid Fichique, former 147-pound champion of Cuba. Next Emile punched out a clear-cut ten-round decision over 155-pound Bobby Pena, Ortega's stablemate. Then came his sensational triumph over the Indian, Griffith's first showing on television.

Emile has the necessary ring requirements to reach the top. He possesses dexterity, has excellent co-ordination and reflexes, is rugged, can absorb stunning wallops and is a damaging puncher. He has the perfect build for a fighter. He is square shouldered, has a slim waist, smooth muscles and strong tapering legs. Indeed, he makes a beautiful picture in the ring.

Emile's mother Mrs. Emelda Griffith, lets loose a loud cheer for her boy during the Fernandez fight. She is one of his top fans; and is given credit by Emile for his climb as a fighter.

COMES FROM LARGE FAMILY

Of a cheerful disposition and having a refreshing sense of humor, Emile Alphonso Griffith, Jr., was born in Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, on February 3, 1939. His father, an automobile mechanic, passed away 15 months ago, leaving a widow and eight children of whom



Emile is down, but only from a slip in his fight with the Cuban Fernandez. He won fight.

the boxer is the eldest.

"My mother's name is Emelda," said Emile. "She's a fine woman and a wonderful mother. We live in an apartment in Manhattan."

It came out during our interview that the good-natured young man is now sole support of the family, with the exception of sister Gloria, 19, who is married. Emile revealed that he wants a good education for the other children.

"My aim is that brother Franklin, who is 18," he added, *"should attend college, then go to law school—since he has the ambition to be lawyer."* The boxer paused, then concluded: *"Me, I do not get enough learning. Could not afford it. Reached only eleventh grade, elementary school."*

Griffith became a boxer in a rather unique way. Five years ago when he arrived in New York and a delivery boy was needed in Howard Albert's millinery factory on West 39th Street, Emile's cousin, Smitty, brought him to fill the job. Emile did his work efficiently, made himself useful and well-liked. He was soon promoted to the position of shipping clerk. Later he took to designing hats.

"Being a frustrated boxer myself but a lover of the sport," put in Mr. Albert, a big handsome young redhead, *"I was at all times on the lookout for a boy to take up where I had left off. Emile Griffith kind of struck me as being a good possibility. But when I offered him the chance of having a ring career, promising to sponsor him, he turned me down.*

"I was, at that time unaware that Emile has an uncle who had been a fighter but had discouraged the kid from entering the ring. However, I bought a set of boxing gloves and in my spacious stockroom, I proceeded to show the boy some points of boxing which he received coldly. Then, going further, I sent an application, without Emile's knowledge, to the Golden Gloves director in New York. Later I sent my reluctant protege to the Department of Parks gymnasium where my friend Gil Clancy is boxing instructor."

CLANCY KEEPS HIS WORD

Clancy, known in boxing circles as a "fistic perfectionist," began to teach Emile the fundamental principles of ringdom, concentrating on the jab. Aside from having BA, BS and MA degrees, Gil is a junior High School teacher, a physical educational instructor and manager of several pro boxers. He has made successful pros of many amateurs, among them Ralph "Tiger" Jones.

"At first," recounted Clancy, *"Emile submitted to accepting boxing instruction with the same enthusiasm a kid submits to taking castor oil. But in about three weeks—imagine, three weeks!—the boy was ready and successfully competed against seasoned simon-pures."*

Emile who is learning hat designing trys a new chapeau on one of his fellow workers.

Entering the amateurs in 1957, Griffith went on to win 51 of 53 contests. He copped the New York Golden Gloves welterweight title, Inter-City Eastern, and National Golden Gloves. A year later he turned pro under the management of Gil Clancy, who promised the discoverer of the boxer to make him a partner when Emile became a main eventer at the Garden. The fistic-minded teacher-manager made good his word.

Griffith's pro record is one loss in 17 bouts, and that on a split duke—by one point—to seasoned middleweight Randy Sandy, who had met the best in his division.

Emile established himself as a real fighter when, in his eighth pro contest, at the St. Nick, early in 1959, he got off the canvas after the dynamite-fisted Willie Joe Johnson exploded a right on his jaw and toppled him for a 9-count and halted his foe after five exciting rounds. Few in the arena thought Emile could win after the knockdown. But sheer grit and undimmed confidence persevered.

Applying the Question and Answer technique, this in-

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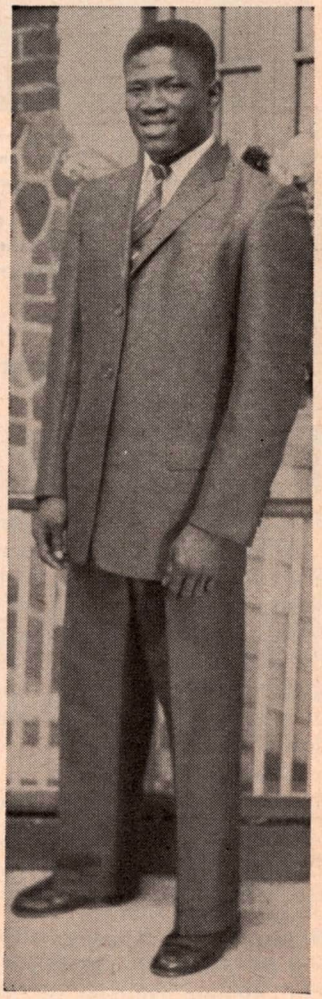
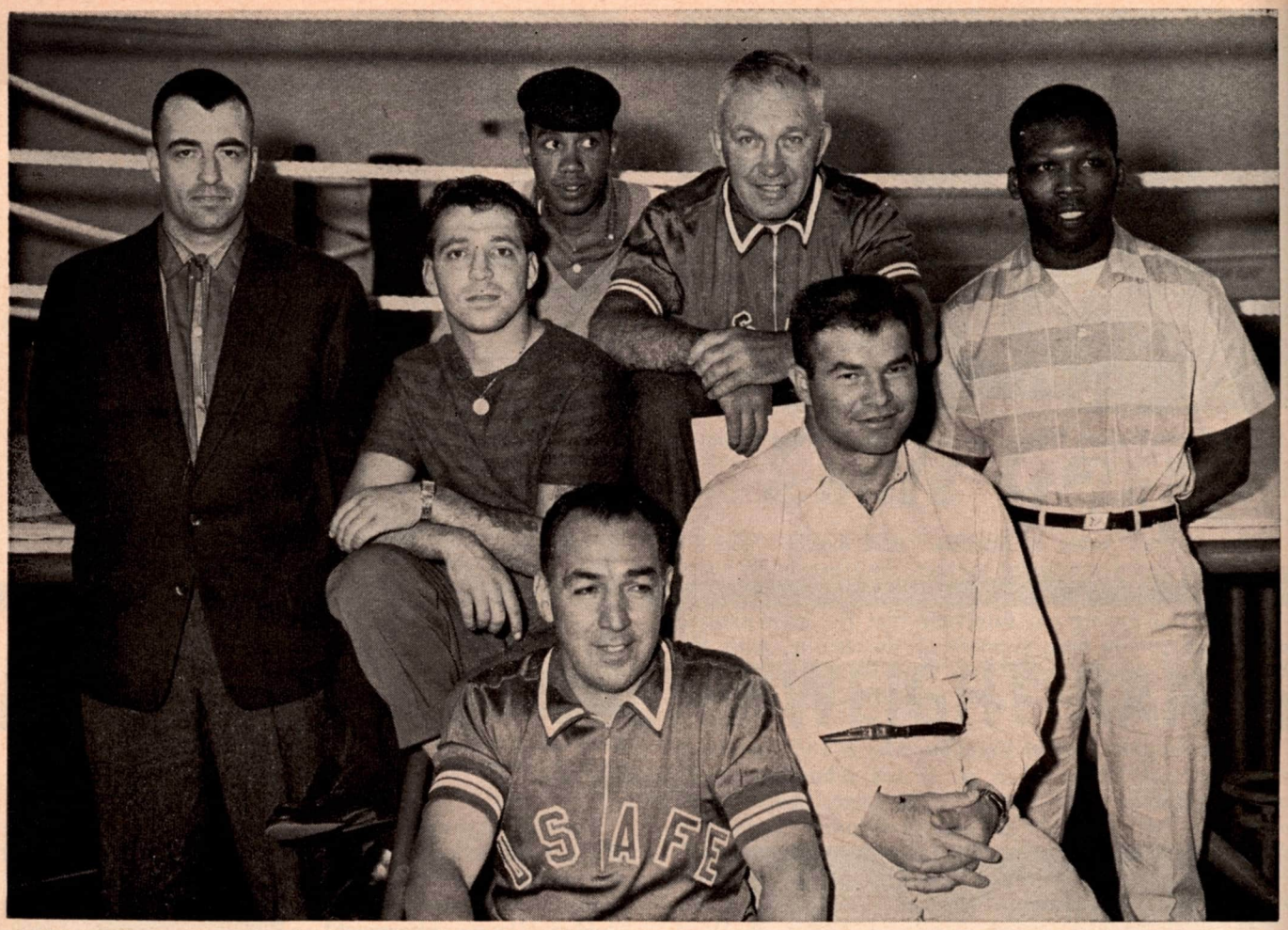


All dressed up and no place to go, Emile posses in front of his home. With the victory over Fernandez he is in line for a title shot.



Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany—USAFE coaches of the boxing clinic are Joey August, center foreground, Gonzaga University and Isaac Deeter, second from right rear, Washington State University, who got together with other coaches and representatives from Spangdahlem Air Base. Others in photo are:—from left, Stanley Grogran, Rocky Brigando, Car August, Coyt Germany and Harley Cooper. Spangdahlem AB won the German District open championships last year and are anxious to repeat.

WITH OUR SERVICEMEN

by JEFF LOUBET

FORT BENNING, GA. Highlights of the second U.S. Army Infantry Center boxing program held at Fort Benning's Briant Wells Field House were three Technical knockouts and some classy punching by newcomers.

Although good, stiff punches were thrown often and many knockdowns occurred over the span of the other 10 fights, PFC Odis Ward, of the First Armored Rifle Battalion, 58th Infantry, had to go the limit with his opponent, Pvt. Ernest Valdez of the First Battle Group, 29th Infantry, to win the decision in the top bout of the evening. Although in a losing effort, Pvt. Valdez both took and gave a great deal of punishment.

Newcomer Gene Sigler, of the 29th Infantry, took on too much in opponent Jessie Cole, a private in the 2nd Infantry Division Trains. Cole scored a TKO over Sigler in the second round.

Another TKO was registered by PFC Frederick Hinton, of the 58th Infantry, over Division Trains' Sgt. James Brown, in a middleweight bout.

Two rivals, SP4 Lennis King of the 29th Infantry and PFC Bennie Durham of the 58th Infantry, provided the third TKO fight of the evening, with SP4 King coming out on the winning end, as he had in a previous meeting between them.

Division Trains' PFC Thomas Shanly narrowly missed kayoeing PFC Jack Mitchell of the 58th Infantry while winning a decision over the foot slugger. Mitchell was out cold, but saved by a round-ending bell, twice.

29th Infantry SP4 James Honeysuckle, defending post middleweight champion, decisioned Pvt. George Wilson of the Student Brigade in another bout.

In other bouts, PFC Edward Rydowski of the 29th Infantry, won a decision over the 58th Infantry's PFC Thomas Robinson; SP5 Fred Rutherford of Division Trains defeated 58th Infantry PFC William Blackwell via a decision; PFC Tidor Gondocs, 58th Infantryman, won a decision over the 29th Infantry's Pvt. Joe Smith; the 29th Infantry's SP4 Harold Butler decisioned Pvt. Walter DeSelle of Division Trains; and there was an exhibition match between PFC Ralph Brinson of the 29th Infantry and Division Trains' PFC Frank Glafcka.

TED YAROSZ

Teddy Yarosz discusses tactics and strategy with manager, trainer and sparring partners as he trains for middleweight championship bout with Vince Dundee in Pittsburgh in 1934. Left to right are "General" Burrow, Francis Portland, Yarosz, Manager Ray Foutts, Brother-Trainer Eddie Yarosz and Frankie Catanese. Yarosz won decision and title.

Looking Back

(Above) Tom Sharkey (left) and Philadelphia Jack O'Brien take time out from training to illustrate proper way to deliver and block punches. (1898).

(Left) British heavyweight champion Bruce Woodcock found rowing at Bear Mountain a pleasant as well as beneficial exercise during training for New York bout with Tami Mauriello in 1946. Here Woodcock holds boat steady to give Manager Tom Hurst time out for bit of fishing.

THE MAT WORLD

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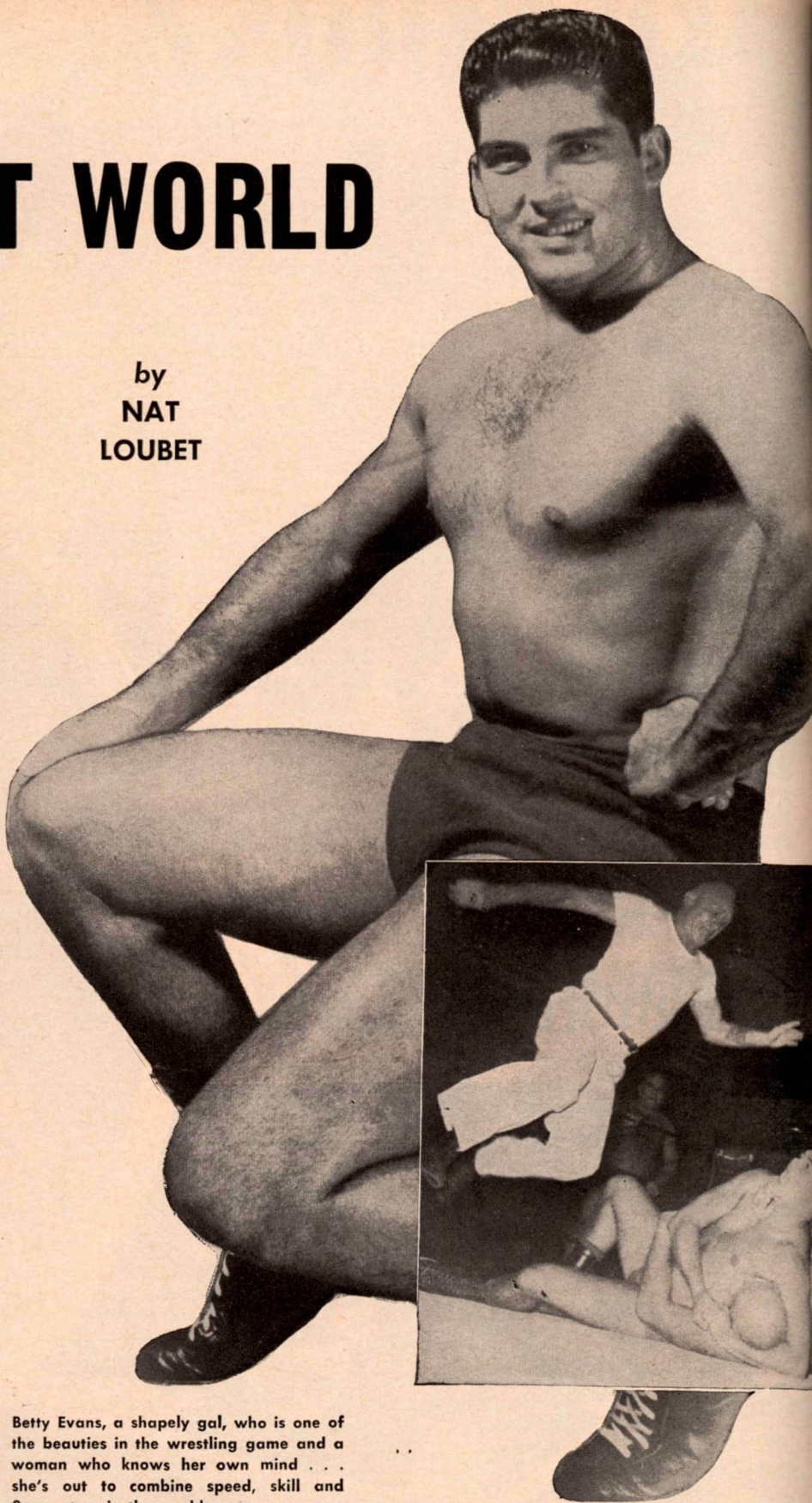
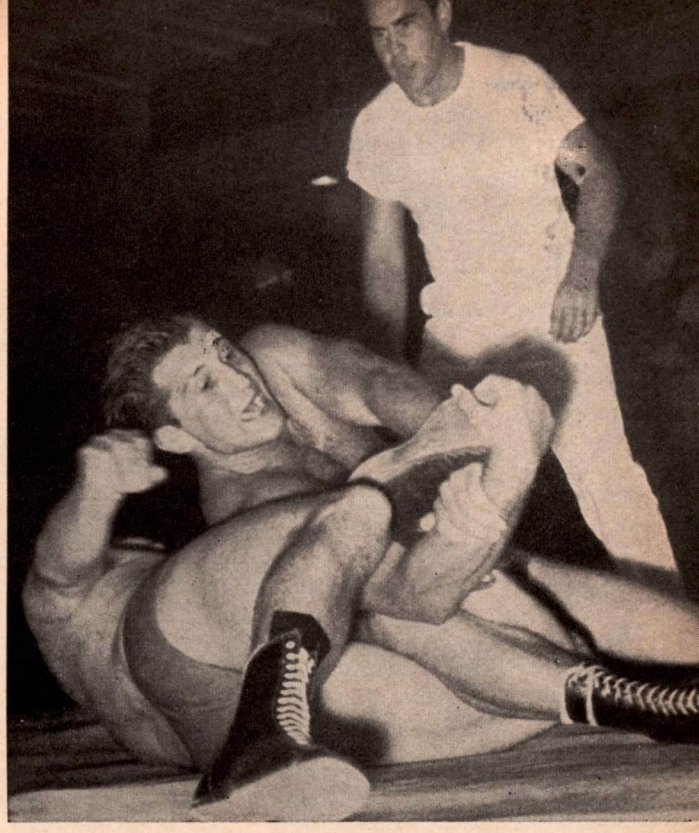


Betty Evans, a shapely gal, who is one of the beauties in the wrestling game and a woman who knows her own mind . . . she's out to combine speed, skill and finesse to win the world crown.

At top of page we have a handsome newcomer, Bob Morrow, a 250 pounder from Tampa, Florida, who was recently discharged from the Marine Corps and is currently going over big in the Louisiana territory. The action shot shows Jimmy Smith, who has just body slammed Tom Bradley and about to pin his man as referee Walt Buckner jumps to avoid being tangled in the quickly moving bout.

Above we see Ann Walrond showing top TV announcer Ray Morgan the Ray Stevens Fan Club display that was on exhibit at the Washington, D. C. FC Convention. It was one of the most highly successful such affairs run to date. (Photo by Patricia Hawkins). Right—Another new face in wrestling, Bob Boyer, facing camera, with leg hold that started him on win over Fritz Mueller at Charlotte, N. C. (Photo by Gene Gordon).



ON AND AROUND THE MATT

Antonino Rocca, the bare-footed grappler from the Argentine, has located his home in Brooklyn, New York. . . . Phil Wenz has a mag out with a lot of interesting info at 50¢ per, copies can be purchased from Phil at 4359-165th St., Flushing, New York.

Boston Promoter, Paul Bowser, long time friend, passed away recently . . . a top man in wrestling, he will be missed.

Marlene Ann Benner sent along the news that Lou and Red Bastien won a version of the U. S. tag team crown by defeating the Fabulous Kangaroos in a two out of three falls match at Griffith Stadium, Washington. . . . Out California way the 360 pound bemouth, Man Mountain, bellowed that he had been robbed after losing to Edward Carpentier . . . a rematch is in the works.

Allan Shaw, the guiding light for ballet stepping wrestler Rickie Starr writes that Starr was recently a beauty contest judge at the Shorehaven Beach Club in New York. . . . Ricki sang his RCA recording "You Can't Hurt Me Anymore" . . . Ricki, as a result of his having made a highly successful appearance on the Jack Paar show has once again jumped to the "highest paid" bracket among the grunt and groaners.

John C. Coufalik has started an Ohio Wrestling Alliance which is open free to all Ohio wrestlers and fans . . . write to John at Rt. Number 1, Box 301-A, Hiram, Ohio.

Reports reaching this corner from all corners of the world indicate that wrestling is booming and promoters are planning to go all out in their endeavors to bring the best possible shows to the fans. Many new faces are being readied for the fans enjoyment.

Denny Hall, 5' 11" 210 pounder from Castle, Indiana, who at 24 years of age is one of the more promising new grapplers in the game.

THE WORLD WRESTLING RATINGS

MEN

1: Pat O'Connor
2: Edward Carpentier
3: Dick Hutton
4: Antonino Rocca
5: Killer Kowalski
6: Lou Thesz
7: Verne Gagne
8: Buddy "Nature Boy" Rogers
9: Johnny Valentine
10: Bearcat Wright

WOMEN

1: Fabulous Moolah
2: June Byers
3: Judy Grable
4: Barbara Baker
5: Nell Stewart
6: Lorraine Johnson
7: Tona Tomah
8: Penny Banner
9: Kathy Starr
10: Joyce Scott

TAG TEAMS

1: Antonino Rocca and Bruno Sammartino
2: Ben and Mike Sharpe
3: The Gallagher Brothers
4: The Kangaroos
5: John and Chris Tolos
6: Tiny Mills and Stan Kowalski
7: Lou and Red Bastien
8: The Miller Brothers
9: Jack Fargo and Don Stevens
10: Dr. Jerry Graham and Pamperio Firpo

THE FAN CLUB CORNER

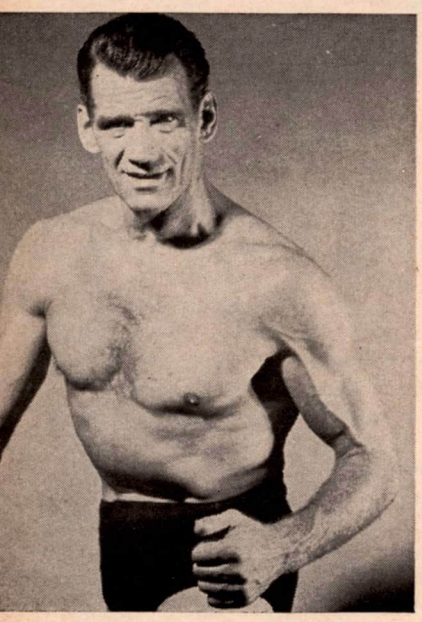
This corner is dedicated to those unselfish fans who form clubs for their favorite wrestlers at a great output of energy and much time for which they receive no reimbursement but the pleasure of doing a good job for their honorarys.

Such a person is Miss Barb Miller who has started an FC for Tony Marino. Those wishing to join can contact her at 27 Oneida Ave., White Meadow Lake, Rockaway, New Jersey. Mary Brunson writes that her club for Nick Kozak is open to new members and those interested can contact her at 1409 Arthur Street, Houston, Texas.

The popular Killer Kowalski has another club on the way, headed up by Tommy Bore of 127 Grant St., Portland, Oregon.

Janice Bielecki who heads up the Don Leo Jonathan FC sends along word that her honorary won the Texas heavyweight title in Houston from Blanco.

Jolting Joe Blanchard has a club now being formed and fans who might like to associate themselves with it should write to Margie Evans, 564 N. Spring St., Wabash, Indiana.



Left to right:—World famous strong man Adrian Baillargeon from Canada, who toes the toledoes at a mere 240 pounds and is currently a favorite in the Southern territory; Jack Curtis Sr., left, former top notch wrestler, with his on Jack Curtis Jr., a prospect among the younger crop; Tyler Pryne, well known for her grappling and known as "the Sweater Girl" of wrestling.

CHICAGO RASSLIN
by Dennis Kuczajda

The Windy City wrestling revival hit its peak at Comiskey Park when a tremendous crowd of 30,275 fans paid $89,675 to see promoter Fred Kohler's first Chicago ball park mat show in ten years. This gate is second only to the 1934 gate of $96,302 pulled in by Jim Londos and Strangler Lewis at Wrigley Field. A crowd of 35,635 attended that particular match.

It seems almost impossible that just a year ago Chicago was in the midst of one of the worst wrestling depressions of all times.

What's behind the tremendous stimulation of interest in wrestling in Chicago?

The answer has two parts; the first being the tremendously colorful and exciting East Coast mat stars who have taken the Chicago wrestling scene by storm.

Of course these sensational grapplers would be unknown to the fans if it wasn't for television, the second link in the Windy City wrestling success chain.

A year ago there were no T.V. mat shows in Chicago. Since then two fine wrestling programs have debuted in the Windy City. One show, a local presentation which recently went off the air, was promoted by the Chicago Stadium Corporation. The other show originates in the East, is video taped, and then sent to Chicago for viewing on Saturday nights. This show exports the talents of the Eastern stars that Promoter Kohler books.

Of the Eastern stars, Bearcat Wright is the most popular with the Chicago fans.

The Bearcat drew two sellouts at Chicago's International Amphitheater. Once in a draw decision against Johnny Valentine, before a turnaway crowd of 10,160, and again in a victory over Wildman Pampero Firpo before 10,633 frantic fans. Wright has also registered Amphitheater wins over Harry Lewis, Skull Murphy, Eddie Graham and, with Argentina Rocca, over Jackie and Don Fargo. The "Cat" has suffered only one loss in Chicago; losing a disputed match to Buddy Rogers on the Comiskey Park card.

In other matches on the card, Pat O'Connor flattened Yukon Eric in a title match; Eddie Graham and Sweet Daddy Siki were both disqualified; The Sheik conquered Prince Maiava with his firebolt; Haystacks Calhoun and Bruno Sammartino knocked each other out; Little Beaver and Red Taylor trounced Tom Thumb and Irish Jackie in a riotous midget tag match that stole the show; Chief Big Heart subdued Stan Kowalski; and Johnny Walker pinned Abe Jacobs in the opener.

SCENE IN MONTREAL
by Gil Smith

Mat Impressario Eddie Quinn knows a good thing when he sees one . . . and when he saw the crush of fans trying to fight their way into Delormier Stadium for the initial meeting of Buddy Rogers and Edward Carpentier, he figured to oblige by staging a return bout between the pair.

Below left to right:—Billy Frazier, 26 year old 205 pound roughneck who stands but 5'8" tall and has won 95% of his bouts during the past two years; center:—Barbara Baker, highly regarded woman grappler aiming for a title shot; right—the incomparable Judy Grable, a combination of beauty and ability, who is seen here ready to body slam Barbara in a closely fought contest that went to Judy.

This time the crowd was considerably less and those that did go left in a state of comparative bewilderment.

Carpentier sailed off the top rope to flatten Buddy and apply a reverse body-press to capture the first of the three-fall affair. . . . But the powerful blond surged back to tie Carpentier's legs into knots with his celebrated Figure-four lock . . . and tied the count at a fall apiece in so doing.

After a lengthy intermission, Edward hobbled out on legs that resembled twin lengths of rubber hose for the decider, and scarcely had he achieved the center of the ring, than Rogers pounced on him. . . . In a jiffy, Buddy clamped on his leg hold again, and it looked like curtains for the speedy Edward.

However, the Frenchman struggled near the ropes and barely managed to get under them, causing the referee to order a break. . . . But Rogers only increased the pressure . . . and was promptly disqualified!

So incensed was blond Buddy with referee Sammy Mack's decision, that he fought furiously to seize the public address microphone and shout his protestations to all and sundry.

In a month of steady action, big Killer Kowalski beat the daylights out of Hawaii's Prince Maiava . . . Rugged Reggie Lisowski, from Milwaukee, threw Bob Liepler after 13:06 minutes of mayhem, and then Lisowski had his clock fixed by speedball Johnny Rougeau. . . . Donn Lewin took the measure of Jack Russell. . . . Greek artist Harry Tsimogiannis carved out a win over tough Jack Barbaros. . . . Sandor Kovacs fell victim to Italy's Dominico Nucciarone . . . while Manny Cortez tossed Johnny Walker, the Rubber-Man from Georgia.

Rogers preceded his return effort against Carpentier by a two-straight fall victory over Mike Valentino. . . . It took the Nature Boy less than 12 minutes to wrap up the win. . . . He took the initial fall after 8:16 minutes of some hard going . . . but his leglock snapped Valentino into defeat after only 3:06 minutes of milling in the second stretch. . . . Valentino conceded the bout.

The Midgets returned to local mats for some crowd pleasing team bouts. . . . Little Beaver hooked up with Red Taylor to outscore the team of Pee Wee James—Billy the Kid in a 2 out of 3 fall match. . . . Later in the month the tiny Beaver joined forces with Dandy Moore to vanquish the combination of Billy the Kid and Tom Thumb. In another bout on the same card, stocky Eddie Auger battled smooth working Maurice Lapointe to a draw.

Word of the death of Paul Bowser, in addition to bringing sorrow to his many friends, marked the passing from the scene of a man whose shrewd promotion was responsible for a great upsurge in the mat game.

Bowser, himself a wrestler of note in his early days, later developed through his promotions such stars as Danno O'Mahony, the Caseys, Maurice Tillet the "French Angel," and ex-footballer Gus Sonnenberg, whose flying tackle made mat history. It was from association with Bowser that Montreal Promoter Eddie Quinn got his start, and doubtlessly a measure of his flair for successful promoting. Wrestling owes a debt of gratitude to the memory of Paul Bowser.

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CANADIAN NEWS
by Earle Yetter

There are some real cold spots in Canadian provinces, but the matches being offered during the coming winter months will serve to keep the fans in a warm mood. Wrestling has come to be regarded on the level with hockey in Canada.

In Montreal, Promoter Eddie Quinn expects another big season at the Forum. Big matches in the past featuring Edward Carpentier, Killer Kowalski, Pat O'Connor, Antonino Rocca have broken attendance records. In Toronto, Promoter Frank Tunney has been

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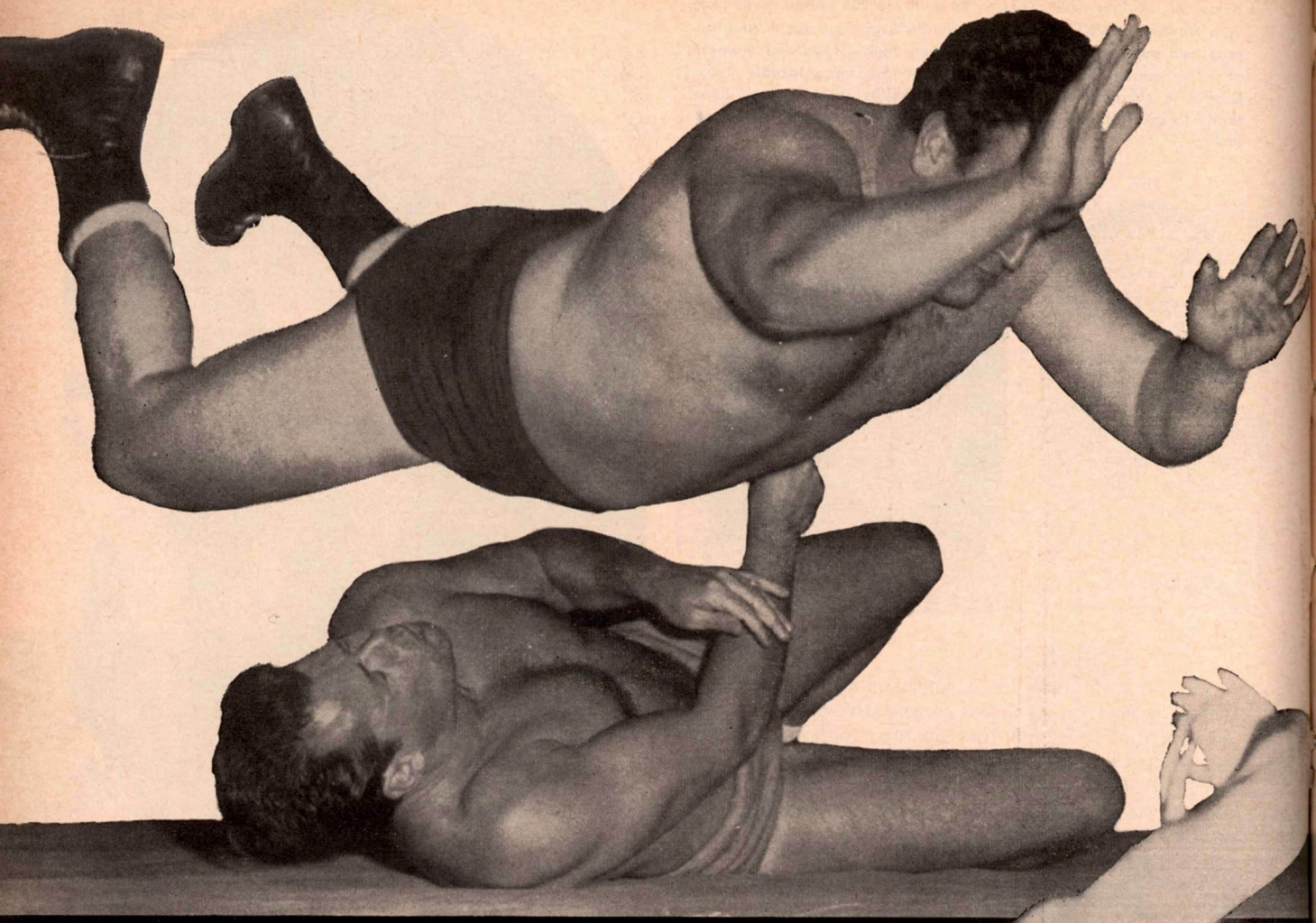
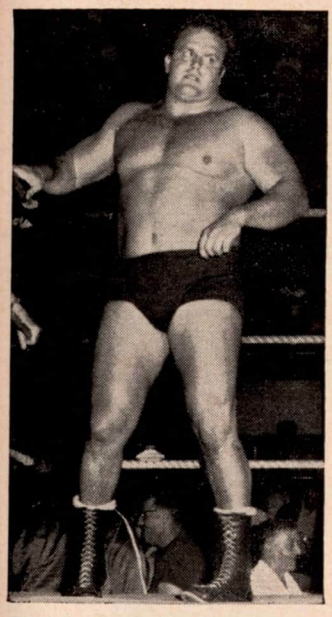


Above we see Hercules about to pound Art McManus to a pulp in one of his numerous victories. Below the Hercules mode of attack is evident as he uses his size and weight to squash Herb Gerwig to defeat. Gerwig was out for three minutes.



Notice the powerful legs and tremendous development of Romero's torso that spells power to burn.

HERCULES ROMERO

Powerful Spanish Grappler drawing wide attention as he smashes his way to wrestling renown in New York and Ohio

Story and photos
By EARLE F. YETTER

THE future well being of the sport of professional wrestling depends a great deal on a continuous flow of new athletes from the Y. M. C. A.'s, the gridirons and other sport centers of the nation.

In the vanguard of talented newcomers is the imposing figure of 6 feet, three inches, 306-pound Hercules Romero from the romantic city of Madrid, Spain, who has the experts sitting up and taking more than just a passing fancy to his mat exploits. Although only in the U. S. three years, he is now opposing top flight opponents and has gained astounding victories by sheer force of power.

Early in life young Romero realized that he was a big boy for his age and he helped his cause along by daily work-outs in the gym with weights. That process assisted him in molding a solid frame of muscle and today he is regarded as one of the strongest grapplers who has ever been imported to the United States. He is being widely acclaimed as a strong-man and has been compared with such mastadons as Yukon Eric, Mighty Ursus and Hombre Montana.

Weight-lifting as a profession seems to be a waning sport. Those who have depended and are now depending upon it for a livelihood find it a precarious means of livelihood. Realizing this, young Romero looked toward other sports for a career.

For a time, Romero thought of becoming a boxer, but it was Paulino Uzcudun, the famed Basque boxer of yesteryear, who advised him against that step because of his weight. *"Why don't you try your hand at wrestling. You have the essentials which ought to help you succeed as a wrestler,"* said Uzcudun.

Romero took Uzcudun's advice and trained several months to condition himself for a wrestling career. As an amateur he displayed much natural ability to toss around his opponents with apparent abandon, but here again lay a stumbling block. Amateur wrestlers perform for glory and nice shiny medals rather than for the essentials of life, so to keep body and soul together it didn't take the youngster very long to realize that he would have to toss his lot to the professional ranks. He made that decision in 1957.

In Spain and on European mats, he became an enigma to opponents. When he set back all of his adversaries, he decided to come to the United States for fame and riches. He again had a problem as he had been taught the Graeco-Roman style of milling in Europe. He was not in this country very long when he realized that the catch-as-catch-can style as practiced by his opponents here was a little confusing to him, but he was a willing and patient student. He further realized that he would have to learn the American method of grappling if he were to amount to anything in his chosen career.

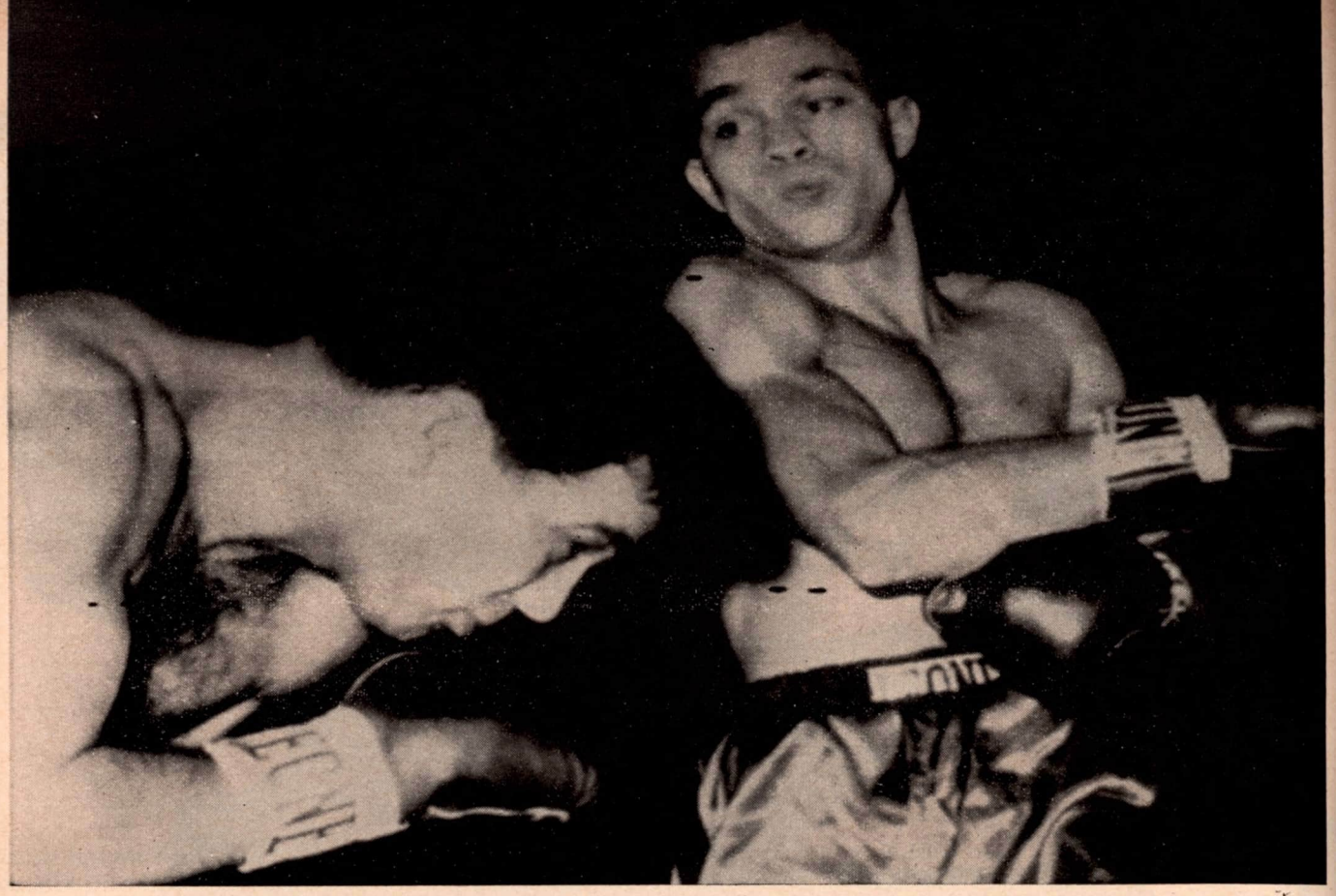
So, he applied himself diligently to the task at hand . . . it took him a little time, after a few bouts in this country to readjust himself, but his determination to succeed could not be denied. He learned by actual application the science of balance and leverage. In a short time he learned many holds and their counters.

In the meantime, Romero grew into a mammoth 300 pounder and in action was able to display amazing agility for a man his weight. His upper body displayed all of the power needed for the rough going of this modern era of wrestling. His first bouts saw him in action in the south and the mid-west. He went up into Montreal, Canada, and left a trail of victories behind him. In Detroit, he had two man-sized brawls with Dick (The Bruiser) Afflis and they were bouts which fans of the Automobile City are still talking about.

Seeking new material for his clients, Promoter Pedro Martinez brought Romero to New York and Ohio and he became a sensation over night. He piled up four successive victories in Buffalo and went on to achieve an enviable record in Ohio cities.

Most opponents of Romero appear to have plenty of respect for the big fellow. However, when they entice the Spaniard into the rougher routines, they find to their dismay that he is more than equal to the occasion. All of Romero's power seems to be in the upper body. He takes opponents and toys with them as a cat does to a mouse. He picks up 250 pound opponents with one arm, crashes them across his knee and then falls upon them with his full weight to clinch a victory. This is the same maneuver which brought fame to Man Mountain Dean.

At this writing it appears that young Romero is destined to write new history into the annals of wrestling.



Loi New "Jr. Welter Champ"

by **CHARLEY PARRISH**

SEVENTY-FIVE days before, 10,000 miles away in San Francisco, California, U.S.A., Dulio Loi suffered the second defeat of his long 112-bout career when he lost a split decision to New Yorker Carlos Ortiz in a bid for the "junior welterweight championship."

Here in his home town of Milan, before a howling mob of more than 65,000 fans, Loi wiped out that defeat with a split-decision triumph that earned him the junior crown to go along with his European welterweight championship.

Many of the spectators though Loi should have received the verdict in the San Francisco bout when a disputed knokdown was ruled a slip and the points lost on this represented the margin of victory for Ortiz. The vote was 145-143 for Loi, and 145-143 and 148-146 for Ortiz. In that meeting, Loi tired in the closing rounds and Ortiz finished strongly to win the fight by a slight margin.

It was a different story to tell in this return match. It was the 31-year-old Italian veteran who came on at the finish and fought his way to the decision.

The crowd was the largest to watch a fight anywhere in the world since Robert Cohen and Chamrern Songkitrat, in their meeting for the world bantamweight title attracted 69,962 in Bangkok, Thailand, in 1954. They were well rewarded by a splendid fight loaded with action all the way.

As in their first bout, it was the flashy boxing of Ortiz against the steady plodding of Loi. In the early going Ortiz was the aggressor, with Loi doing the counterpunching. The first two rounds were comparatively slow as the rivals felt each other out, but the tempo began to speed up in the third, Ortiz sent Loi back on his heels with a sharp one-two combination to the face, but the Italian stormed right back and from that point on and the next five rounds were fought at a brisk pace, Carlos doing most of the attacking and the ringwise Loi scoring well with counter-punches.

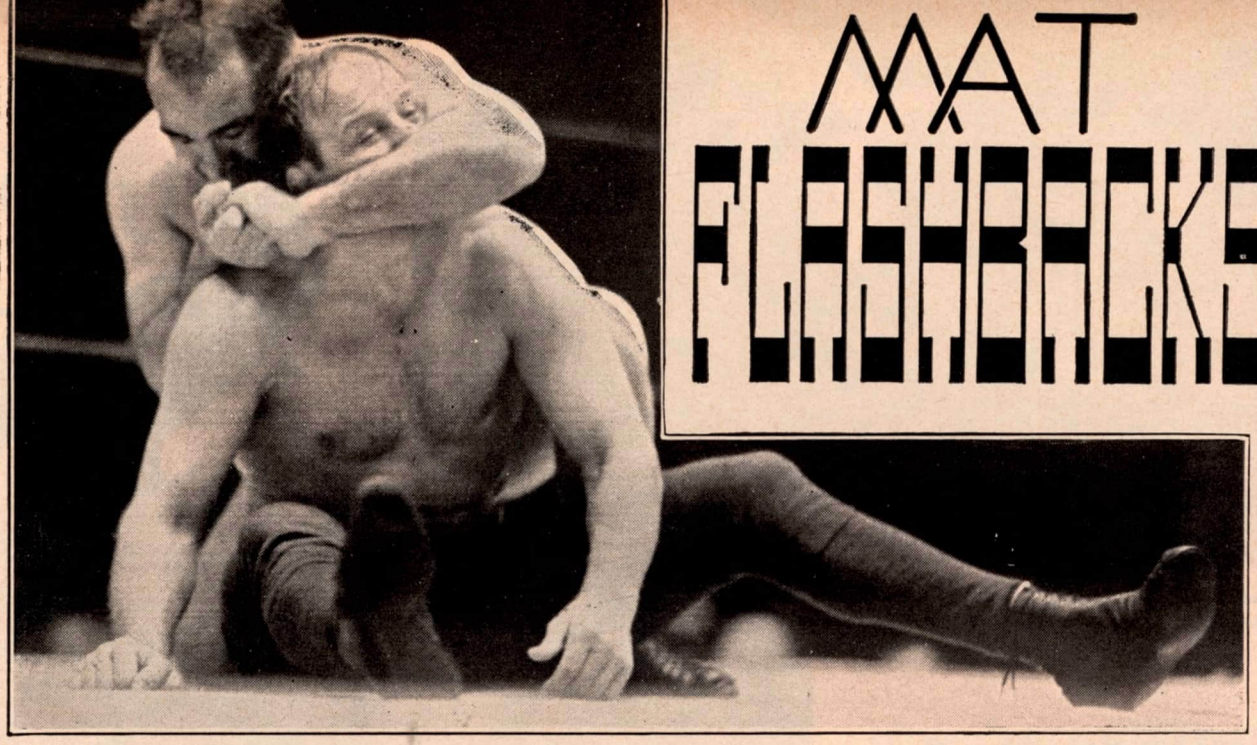
As the ninth round got under way, the New Yorker appeared to be a sure winner. Loi was tiring from the fast pace, and it looked as though the fight would follow the pattern of the first bout. Then, as his countrymen shouted and cheered, Loi seemed to get his "second wind." He began to take over, switching his style and becoming more aggressive. He slammed home short, punishing hooks to the body that forced Ortiz to give ground and cover up time and again. When they traded punches, it usually was Loi who got there first, last, harder and with the cleaner punches.

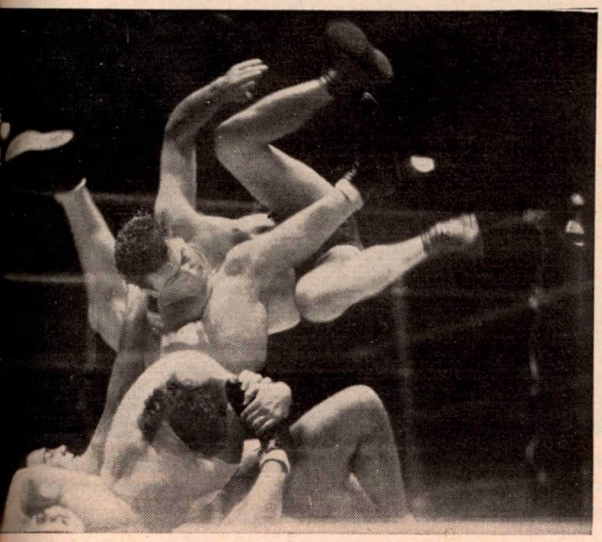
With the momentum of his assault and the vocal encouragement of the partisan crowd spurring him on, Loi became boss, as he bobbed and weaved under Ortiz's jabs and landed his left hooks on Carlos' ribs and body, while picking off the new countering blows of his foe on his arms and gloves.

Ortiz went down like a champion, firing back with all he had in a desperate attempt to turn the tide of battle in his favor. But he was unable to take the play away from the Italian.

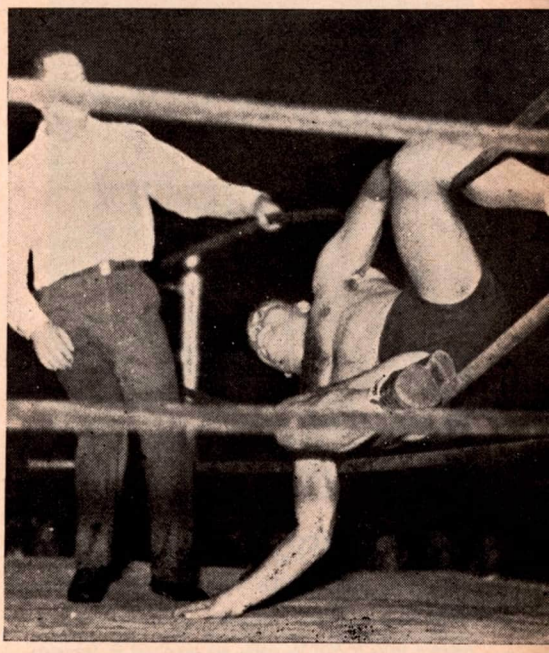
Two officials scored in Loi's favor, Referee E. Esparraguera of Spain tabbing 72-69; and Judge H. Avrutschenko of Switzerland 74-73. The other judge, R. DeBaker of Belgium, couldn't see any difference and made it even at 72-72. A rematch within two months, to take place in the United States is in the talking stage, but the crowd and money drawn here triples what could be expected in America, unless a special television deal can be arranged.

MAT FLASHBACKS



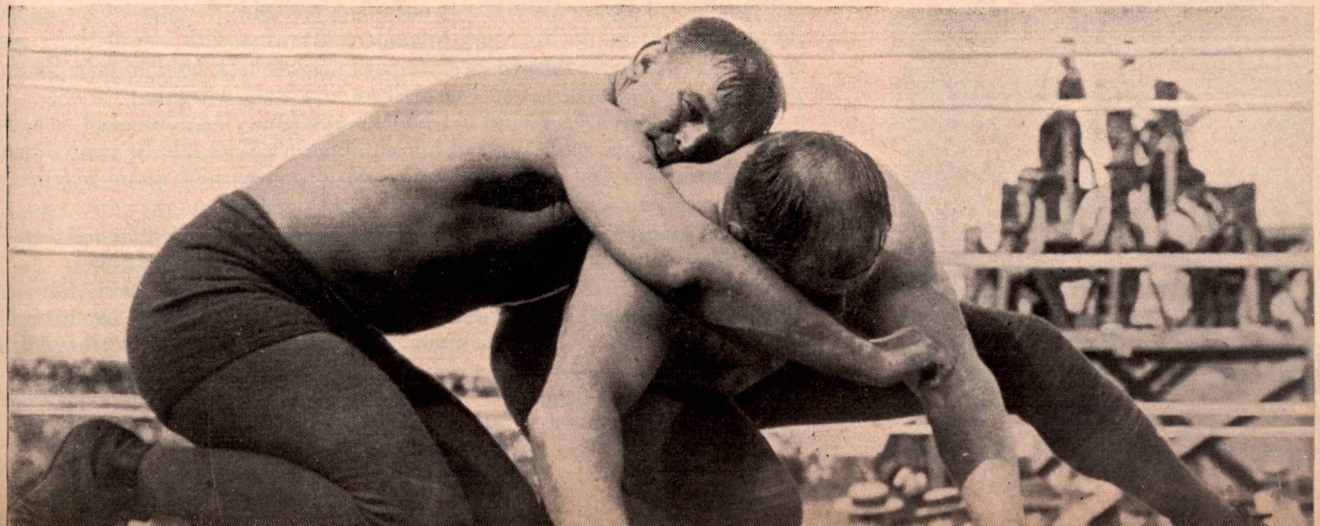


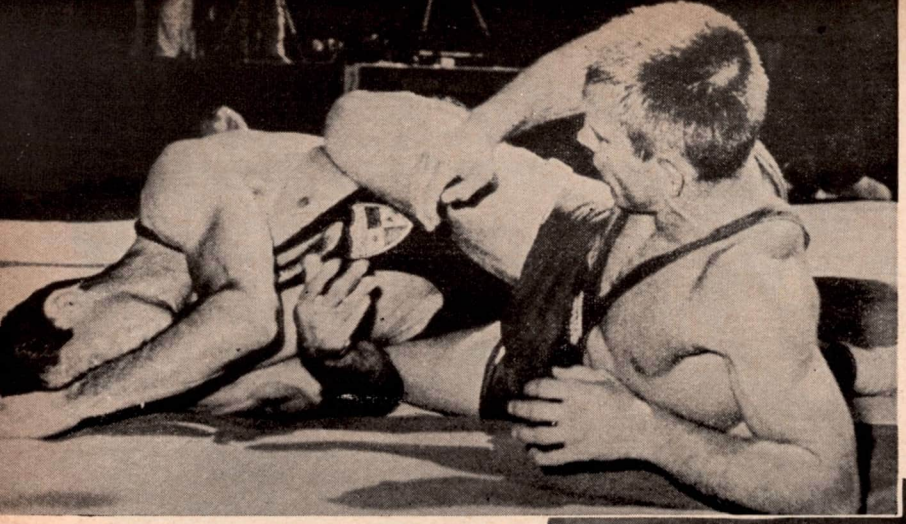
Above:—The match between Ed Strangler Lewis, seen applying his famous "strangle hold", and Dick Skikat at the Garden Bowl, New York City, on June 10, 1932, which ended with Lewis winning the heavyweight title for the fifth time in his career. Right:—Jim Londos seen on his way out of the ring in his bout with Everett Marshall at Philadelphia. Marshall attacked the referee, police and Jim before he was disqualified.



Above:—An unusual photo double exposure, showing Jim Browning applying an airplane spin on Ed Don George in Madison Square Garden, N. Y. George tossed Jim in 27 minutes.

Below—Frank Gotch attempting to clamp an armlock on George Hackenschmidt during their much discussed bout in which Gotch was declared the winner over the Russian Lion.

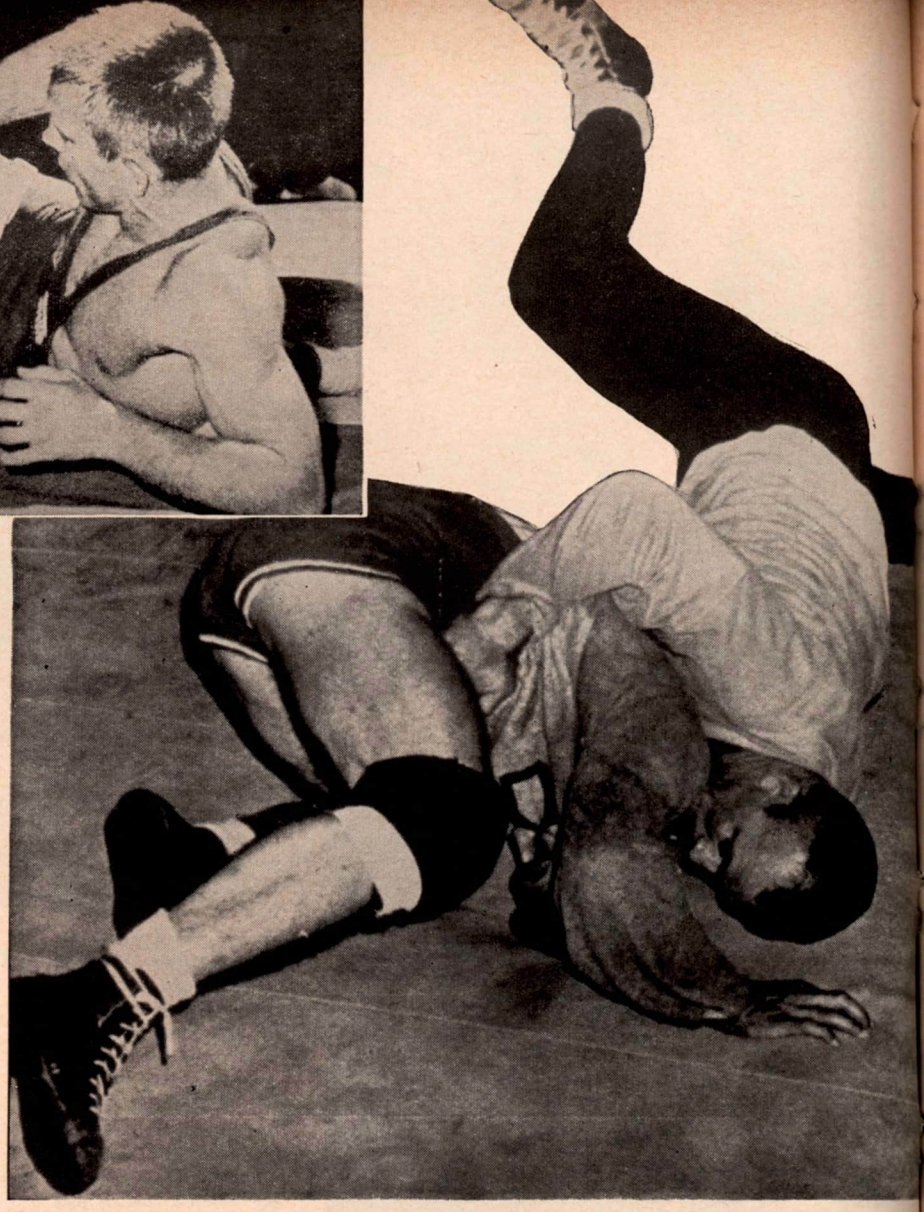




Terry McCann of the U. S. with leg hold on Panama's Campbell won this match and went on to win a gold medal in the free style bantam class when he defeated Bulgaria's Nejde Zalev.

THREE U. S. WRESTLERS WIN FIRSTS AT OLYMPICS

By NAT LOUBET



Douglas Blubaugh, American with the long pants, showing form that won gold medal in Olympics. He was the victor over Mohamed Basher of Pakistan for seventh straight win in welterweights free style competition.

GRECO-ROMAN AND FREE-STYLE WRESTLING

The Olympic program comprises two wrestling tournaments: Greco-Roman and free-style. The main difference between them is that leg holds are permitted in free-style and forbidden in Greco-Roman.

The matches take place in two rounds of 6', without an interval. At the end of the first round, the athlete leading by at least three points decides whether to continue the match standing for 6' without interruption, or in the ground position.

In the latter case the two athletes must place themselves in the ground position alternately for 2 each, without geting up, and standing during the last two minutes (2+2+2).

If, after the first round, neither of the two wrestlers has scored at least a three point advantage, the match is continued compulsorily in the ground position. The order in which each of the two wrestlers places himself in the ground position is established by the referee by draw (2+2+2).

The athlete who succeeds in placing his opponent's shoulders to the mat is the winner. If, after 12' of wrestling, this has not happened, the judges award the victory on points, giving one point for every successful throw which places the adversary to the ground or lifts him up from the ground; 2 points for each throw that places the opponent in danger (bridge position or on one shoulder); 3 points for each throw that places the opponent in danger for at least 5". For an equal number of points, the verdict is a draw.

Athletes with 6 negative points are eliminated from the tournament. Negative points are awarded as follows: 4 for a defeat prior to the time-limit; 3 for a defeat on points; 2 for a draw; 1 for a victory on points. For a victory prior to the time-limit, no negative point.

Classification is made on the basis of the number of negative points totalled in the final round by athletes who have been admitted to it. For subsequent placing, precedence is given to the athletes eliminated in the last round, preference being given to the minimum number of negative points totalled by competitors eliminated in the same rounds.

ROME, Italy:—The U. S. made its best showing since 1932 by winning three gold medals in free style wrestling competition. In the 1956 Olympics America had no winners.

Dough Blubaugh, Terry McCann and Shelby Wilson, all Oklahoma grapplers, brought these victories to the U. S.

Blubaugh of Ponca City is a twenty five year old grappler who compiled the vast record in the tourney, seven straight wins with six of these pins. In his final match he pinned Bashier with a cross neck hold to gain the first place gold medal in free style competition as a welterweight.

McCann, a twenty-six year old bookkeeper from Tulsa was not as sensational as Blubaugh, doing most of his winning on points, but he carried home the bacon with a first place free style gold medal in the bantamweight class by defeating Zalev of Bulgaria. . .

Wilson, another Ponca City athlete, won the lightweight free style gold medal when he took the measure of Iran's Mystafa Tajiki on points.

Of the eight gold medals in free-style wrestling, Turkey won four, the United States three and Germany one—by Wilfried Dietrich in the heavy weight class. The Turkish winners were in the flyweight, featherweight, middleweight and light-heavyweight classes.

Blubaugh and Wilson grew up together and farmed outside Ponca City, an oil refining city.

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Four Feathers

by

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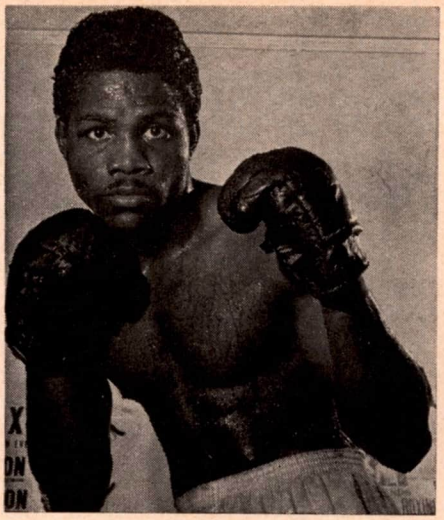
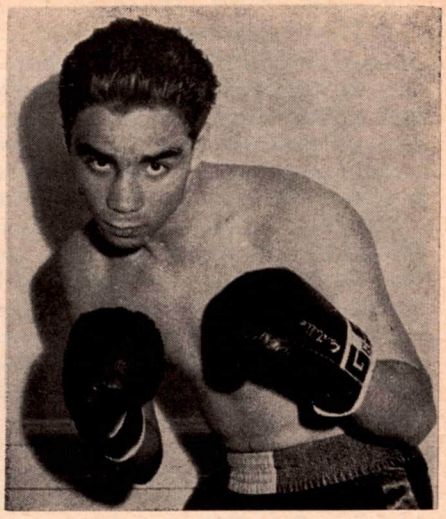


Al Franklin, Oklahoma state featherweight champion from Oklahoma City, a crowd pleasing scrapper.



Pablo Lopez, Puerto Rican born New Yorker, a former Golden Glover, now a promising newcomer.

A quartet of young featherweights who have made an impression on the fistic market in their local areas are Bobby Gray of Stockton, California, Pablo Lopez of New York City; Al Franklin of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Tano Serna of Austin, Texas.

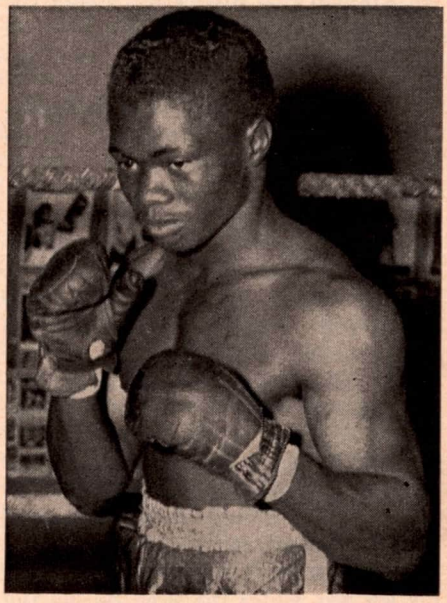
Serna, is the elder statesman of the group at twenty-four and has been fighting as a pro since February of 1957. In that time he has gone to the post 22 times, winning 14, 11 by knockouts. A tall, 5 ft. 7 inch lad, his major drawback has been his lack of stamina.

Tano, short for Atanacio, was kayoed by Frankie Duran in his first bout and bounced back to win nine in a row before suffering his next loss. Born in Mexwell, Texas, next to the youngest of eight children, he has three sisters Augustina, Isbell, Virginia, and four brothers, Frank, Jesse, Manuel, and Antonio.

Serna, was raised in San Marco and now lives in Austin. It was while a student at San Marco High School that he first became interested in boxing at the South Side Community Center where he fought in the 100 pound class.

A member of the Army reserve in Texas he launched his amateur career in 1956 and the following year captured the Texas bantamweight Golden Gloves crown. In all he had 15 amateur bouts winning 13, 10 by kayos.

While most of his bouts have been fought around home he has boxed in New York and Los Angeles. Oddly his best showings to date have been in losing fights. A tough ten round decision that he dropped to ex world lightweight kind Lauro Salas and being stopped on cuts by the then California state featherweight champion, Danny Valdez. Since the latter contest he has won 3 of 6, scoring 2 kayos.



Globe-trotting Stockton, California boxer Bobby Gray, who has just returned from a trip to the Orient.

BOBBY GRAY

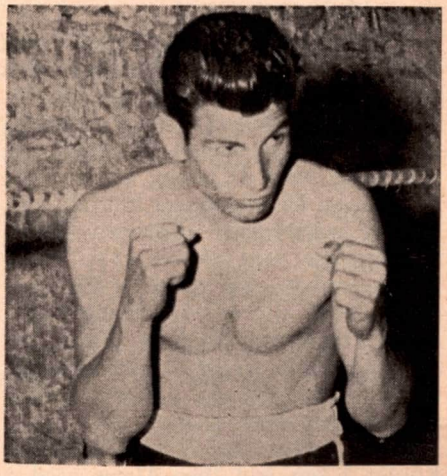
Bobby Gray, a twenty-one year old scrapper who made his pro bow in 1957, has become a world traveler in the past eighteen months, boxing in Mexico City, Manila, and Guam.

Gray, who started out in the amateurs in 1955, surviving 27 of 29 bouts, won a number of simon-pure titles on the way.

Born in Chicasaw, Oklahoma, he moved to Stockton as a youngster and has made his home there since. Married, and the proud father of two little girls he hopes to earn enough money from his boxing career to provide a bright future for his family.

A fast moving 126 pounder, who can also punch, he has kayoed Billy Thomas, Arab Junior, Sammy Boria, Dom Sacco and Jet Bally while winning 13 and drawing in 3 of his 26 bouts. Five of his losses have come outside the U.S.A. on disputed decisions.

He has been forced to travel afar in order to get work but now that he has returned from nine months in the Orient he is hopeful that he will be able to obtain fights in Los Angeles.



Tano Serna, Austin, Texas, puncher. An aggressive battler, who has a large local following.

AL FRANKLIN

Alfred (Al) Franklin is a twenty year old lad from Oklahoma City who

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giving his clients only the best obtainable, and Maple Leaf Gardens has been filled to the rafters on numerous occasions in the past with extraordinary bouts featuring such well known stars as Whipper Billy Watson, Champion Pat O'Connor, Don Leo Jonathan, Joe (Killer) Christy, Ilio Di Paolo, Anastas Minasian, The Mighty Jumbo, Bernard (French) Vignal, Mighty Ursus, Les Lyman, Bob Nandor, The Bravo Brothers, Dino and Domenic, Rip Hawk and Rock Hunter along with talented newcomers.

A world heavyweight championship bout held not so long ago in Toronto between Whipper Billy Watson and champion Pat O'Connor almost saw the crown back on Watson's head. In fact, Watson did press O'Connor's shoulders for the three count, but O'Connor protested to rookie referee Al. Korman that his leg was under the ropes at the time, so Korman reversed his decision and O'Connor kept his crown.

However, the repercussions following the bout have been varied and hostile with most of the decisions in favor of Watson. It would seem that the fair thing to do would be to rematch Watson and O'Connor for a no-time limit, no curfew bout to a definite conclusion. It would at least eliminate the controversy which followed the previous bout between the two.

Ilio Di Paolo, who is co-holder of the Canadian tag team championship, along with Whipper Billy Watson, was adamant in his statement to commentator Fred Sgambati over CBLT-TV that Watson should rightfully be the new champion. He based his fact on the proposition that O'Connor claimed his leg was under the rope during the three count. However, it was brought out that the leg was not under the ropes during the count and that Referee Al. Korman was in error in his judgment. Champion O'Connor left the ring with his belt intact.

Mighty Ursus is back on the Canadian circuits and the Mexican who wrestled a couple of years ago on the West Coast as Jesus Ortega is giving all of his opponents plenty of trouble. If you think that Ursus is big at 310 pounds, he has a younger brother who is taller and weighs 350 pounds. Ursus, who formerly used a ferocious hold, the "Neck-breaker," has given up that particular hold in fear of injuring opponents. His bout with Bobo Brazil not so long also saw plenty of fireworks with the "Bronze Collossus" holding his own against turbulant charges by Ursus. Brazil kept Ursus at bay with his famed Ko Ko Klops and then Ursus used a choke hold to get him over the rough spots. When Ursus refused to release the hold he was disqualified by Referee Cliff Worthy.

Via my grapevine I am advised that Whipper Billy Watson is considerably riled up and will take his complaint with reference to his world championship bout with Pat O'Connor personally to the annual meeting of the National Wrestling Alliance and will seek a ruling on his bout with that body. He will take along a film clip of the bout as a proof that he should today be wearing the world heavyweight championship crown for the third time in his fabulous career.

Important bouts during the month saw Whipper Billy Watson put the quietus on Anastas Minasian, Greek importation in 16:48 of a tame bout which saw previously undefeated Minasian offer little in the way of offense. He gave the Maple Leaf Garden fans a temporary thrill when he tossed Watson with three flying mares, but when The Whip applied his "Commando Unconscious" hold, it was all over but the shouting.

"Uneasy lies the head which wears a crown" is an old proverb and certainly Whipper Watson has had his share of nerve-wracking happenings the past month. On top of his fiasco with Pat O'Connor, he and Ilio Di Paolo lost the Canadian open tag team championship to those two Garrulous Gaelic Barnstormers from Bayonne, New Jersey, Doc. and Mike Gallagher.

After 13:23 of ferocious action, Ilio Di Paolo whirled Mike Gallagher on his shoulder in an airplane spin, deposited him on the mat and pressed his shoulders for the three count. However Referee Joe Gollob refused to count, claiming that when Di Paolo came into the ring that Watson did not tag him properly. On that technicality, Doc. and Mike Gallagher became the new Canadian open tag team champions. However, Promoter Frank Tunney immediately rematched the four gladiators at the behest of the angry fans. The RING Magazine picked Doc. and Mike Gallager as the leading tag team in the country in a national poll last February and the Gallaghers claim that they are willing to meet any team in the country to prove their ability.

On the same card, the Bravo Brothers were split up to appear in single bouts. Dominic Bravo defeated Killer Joe Christie with a giant swing and top spread in 15:50, while Ivan Kalmikoff sent Dino Bravo to the cleaners with a shoulder stand in 12:37 of a one-fall match. Mighty Ursus disposed of Sandor Kovacs in 5:56, while Les Lyman came up with his fifth consecutive victory over Bob Nandor of Hungary in 17:55.

Just as this is going to press Ilio Di Paolo and Whipper Billy Watson won back their Canadian open tag team championship in their rematch with Doc. and Mike Gallagher. When Mike tried to jump off the top rope to poke Watson in the Adam's Apple with his elbow, Watson ducked and wrenched free from Doc Gallagher's hold and instead Doc. Gallagher took the full brunt of Mike's blow to the chest and he tumbled to the mat to be pressed by Watson.

The girl midgets, Little Darling Dagmar and Baby Cheryl, made a spectacular appearance in Regina. Pat O'Connor made his fifth defense of his world heavyweight crown against rampaging Gene Kiniski and from all reports it was a stirring bout. . . . However, O'Connor is still champion.

To readers who want answers to their questions kindly forward a self-addressed stamped envelope. The writer can be contacted at 138 Lockwood Ace., Buffalo 20, N. Y.

BARBARA BAKER
by Bob Swisher

Barbara Jean Baker was born in Charleston, West Virginia, and she attended the Stonewall Jackson High School where she played on the basketball team. She worked as a nurses' aid, a secretary and also in a drug store where she met up with Nell Stewart and decided to try her hand at wrestling.

Her first match was in 1951 at Blyhill, Arkansas, where she went against Millie Stafford. She was defeated but that didn't seem to dampen her spirits. And you can rest assured that Millie had her night cut out for her. She wrestled in Canada, Mexico, British Columbia, Jamaica and most anywhere that women wrestling is allowed.

On December 2, 1959 at Houston, Texas, Barbara married Roy Lee Collins, a fellow wrestler. Eventually Barbara would like to retire, live in Florida and raise a house full of kids.

UNDER THE DOME
by Mike Geary

In the Wrestling Capitol of the World and at Vince McMahon's Capitol Arena the Kangaroos continued the march with a main event win over Haystacks Calhoun and Chief Big Heart. Karl Krauser, European Heavyweight Champion continued to win and gain the fans in this area by defeating former footballer Lou Albano, in two straight falls; the first in 9 minutes with a back-breaker and body press and the second in 15 minutes with the back-breaker and a leg-lock submission hold.

Returning here as a team Mark Lewin and Don Curtis took on Angelo Savoldi and Judo Jack Terry in a riotous affair that saw Lewin and Curtis take the first fall in seven minutes when Don floored Savoldi. The Boys From Buffalo also took the second fall when Lewin applied the sleeper hold to Mr. Terry after 17 minutes of extra rough tactics, which included referees Marvin Mercer

and Buddy Rosen being stripped down to Parade Rest by Angelo and Old Blind Jack. This foolishness contined after the match with Mercer and Rosen taking a crack or two at Angelo and Jack and for a while it look like a new match starting.

Buddy Rogers then wrestled Arnold Skoaland and took two falls straight. The first by pinning Arnie in 10 minutes and the other in 11 minutes with a leg lock submission hold.

The Bastiens took two of three falls straight from Tony Altimore and Jack Vansky. The first in 9 minutes with Lew Bastien over Vansky and the second in 19 minutes with Red over Altimore. Mercer and Rosen also were brought into action in this one.

At Griffith Stadium, better than 18,000 wrestling fans turned out to witness another high powered outdoor show, with Bearcat Wright and Sweet Daddy Siki taking the nod over Eddie Graham and Buddy Rogers. Each team in this main event had one fall when Rogers suffered a bad eye cut and the ringside physician stopped the battle. The Kangaroos retained their crowns but lost a match by disqualification to The Bastiens.

Other action on this big outdoor card included Karl Von Hess in a win over Chief War Cloud, Chief Big Heart and Skull Murphy wrestled to a draw, if you can imagine that; Johnny Walker and Prince Maiava beat The Gabor Brothers. And, Don Curtis beat the Zebra Kid. In a wrestle-royal involving five ladies of various sizes, only Kathleen Wimbley survived.

In other action at Capitol Arena, Eddie Graham was the winner in two matches when he pinned Chief Suni War Cloud and then returned later to join Frank Gabor in a win over Red Bastien and Arnold Skoaland. In other matches on this card the Kangaroos defeated Prince Maiava and Johnny Walker, Don Curtis beat Tony Altimore and Karl Krauser defeated Jack Vansky.

ALONG THE WRESTLING TRAIL
by Bette Trieger

Now that the National Fan Club convention is over for another year, we find ourselves once more getting back to normal.

Mr. Vince McMahan is responsible for the star wrestling, and wrestlers in the New York, and Washington, D. C. territory. Mr. McMahan, whose mat promotions are equal only the late Jack Curley.

At the convention Mr. McMahon had made our stay comfortable and interesting in Washington, D. C. by letting us be his guests at the Capitol arena where he had the top stars meet and greet the fan clubs.

Mr. Ray Morgan, who certainly deserves a pat on the back for going out of his way to talk to mat fans who attended the convention.

Next year, 1961, will find the National Convention moving South to North Carolina, in Charlotte, and promoter Jim Crockett will be our host. North Carolina will be a treat for the mat fans who enjoy ladies on the mat. On the committee will be Mrs. Connie Walrond, Publisher of the "Southern Wrestler" of Birmingham, Alabama, your truly, and from Missouri and the Red McKim Fan Club, Miss Diane Devine.

Those little jets that are selling the arenas out in Canada, Texas, and wherever they are appearing, Baby Cheryl, and Dagmar, have won the hearts of the mat fans all over the Canadian territory, and Texas Plains.

Back from a well earned vacation, our friend, and Mat Editor, Nat Loubet, back at the desk working harder than ever, we sure hope he had one wonderful time, he certainly deserves it.

A great big pat on the back of Chet Wallick, villian of the mat, whose fan club officials attended his match in a group, and after the match joined Chet Wallick as his guests in a full course supper . . . nice going Chet!

I am very sorry to report that it seems the team of Dr. Jerry Grahm, and Brother Eddie, have come to the parting of the ways. Jerry who is working in New York City, and Eddie, who is operating out of Washington, D. C., are cutting capers with different partners. The little wild man, cave man Pamperio Firpo, is now the other half of the Dr. Jerry Grahm team. Buddy "Nature Boy" Rogers, claims Eddie as his partner. Eddie wrestles as much like Buddy Rogers as Rogers does himself.

Many thanks to all you wonderful mat fans who have been sending me the whereabouts of wrestlers.

Yours truly has a new club, and it is the club honoring the boys from the Coral Isles, none other than his royal highness Prince Mavaia, and Johnny Walker. This club, will take the place of the International Fan club for Gene (Mr. America) Stanlee. Gene is now on the West Coast and is Vice President of the Mutual Bonds and Savings Corp. Gene has decided not to wrestle anymore, and has settled down in Beverly Hills, California.

ST. LOUIS WRESTLING
by Larry Matysik

The feud between Gene Kiniski and the popular Cowboy Bob Ellis seems to fly higher and higher. Up to the opening Kiel card of the 1960-61 season here in St. Louis, Kiniski had beaten Bob three times, twice by disqualifications.

The match was set for one fall to a finish. Ellis was out to beat the 270 pound Kiniski and this eagerness almost cost him the match. He was giving Kiniski an airplane spin when one of Gene's feet hit referee Babe Martin in the face. Ellis went to Martin and Kiniski grabbed Cowboy and rammed his head into the ring post, but Ellis came back with a flying head scissors to defeat Kiniski in 14:58 before 7,180 rabid fans.

In the semi-final John Paul Henning, 232, made short work of his hated foe, The Mighty Atlas, 225, with a reverse leg lock in 16 seconds. Both Pepper Gomez, 225, and Rip Hawk, 230, were sent to the dressing room with no-decision when they spent more times fighting outside the ring then in it. Thor Hagen, 240, came up with a victory over Taro Myaki, 248, when Taro was disqualified. In a midget tag team match the team of Lord Littlebrook and Cowboy Bradley beat Tiny Roe and Bull Brummel in straight falls. Bradley beat Roe in 11:06 with a reverse cradle and Littlebrook beat Brummel with a body press in 9:10. In the opener Rock Hunter, 225, beat Johnny Ramirez, 235, with the reverse neck breaker.

Henning defeated Lou Whitson, 225, on TV. Other matches this month saw Gomez beat Frank Brown, 260, Myaki lost to Ray Gordon, 230, by disqualification, Hagen beat Bud Cole, 220, Johnny Weaver beat Martino Angelo, Cowboy Ellis beat Cowboy Rocky Don Lee, 310. Kinji Shibuya beat Bill Wright, Weaver went to a draw with Hunter, Henning beat Ramirez, Kiniski beat Weaver, Gomez beat Juan Sebatian, Ellis beat Pedro Godoy, and Shibuya beat Whitson. In the only TV tag match Taro Myaki and Mighty Atlas were held to a draw by Ray Gordon and John Paul Henning. Myaki beat Gordon in the first fall with a judo chop but Ray stormed back to pin Taro with a kangaroo kick. In the third fall Gordon and Myaki were both banished for fighting outside the ring. Henning and Atlas finished it in the ring with no pin. This brought about the Henning Atlas match on the opening card of the season.

NEWS AND VIEWS
By Don Jordan

Antonino Rocca and Bruno Sammartino defeated Pampero Firpo and Jerry Graham at Madison Square Garden as 16,000 fans were in attendance. Two days later, Bearcat Wright and Sweet Daddy Siki beat Buddy Rogers and Eddie Gosette (Eddie Graham) at Washington, D. C., as 16,000 onlookers paid $39,000.

In the semi-final event, Red Bastien and Lou Klein regained one vesion of the U. S. heavy tag title by defeating Roy Heffernan and Al Costello, who had won it three weeks earlier. Speaking of attendance marks, the Buddy

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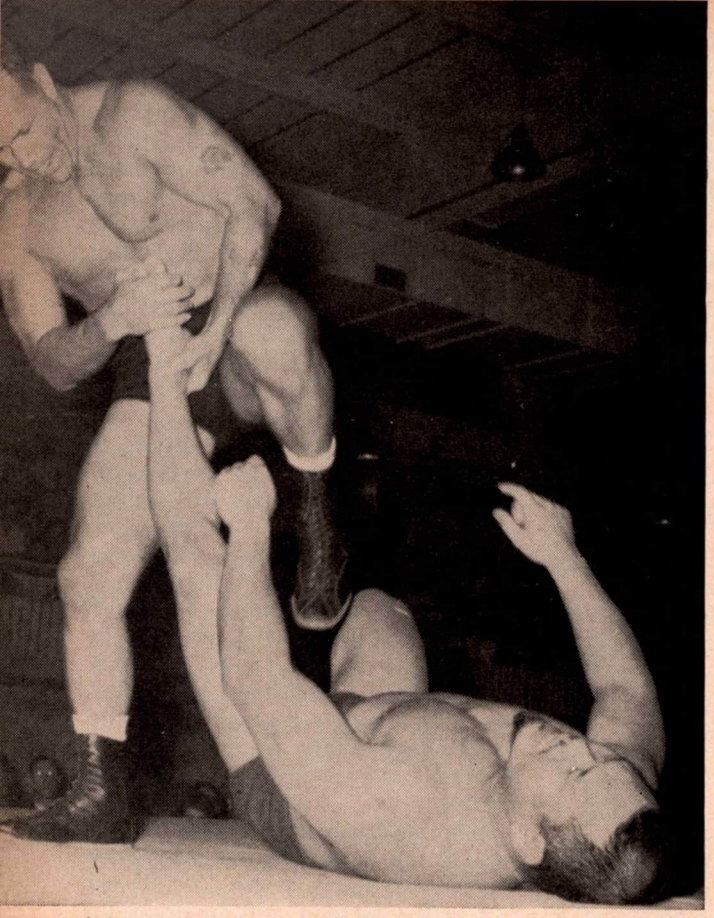
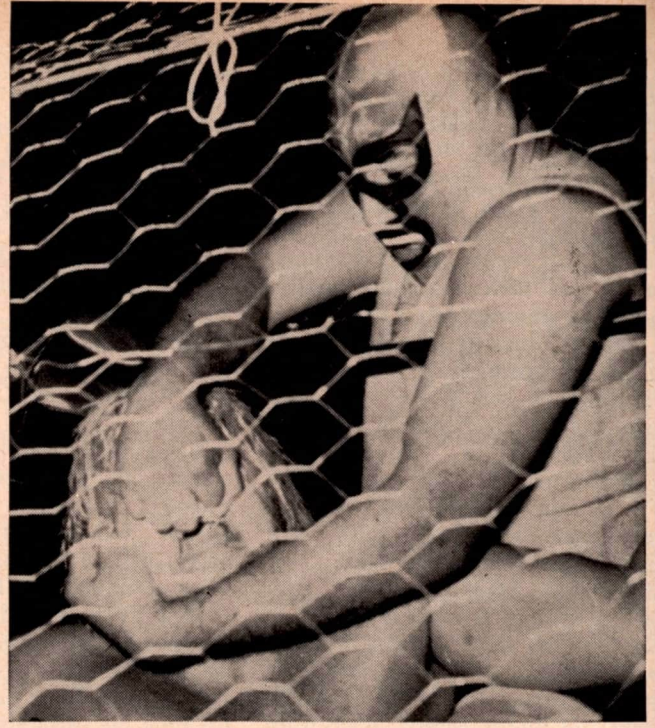
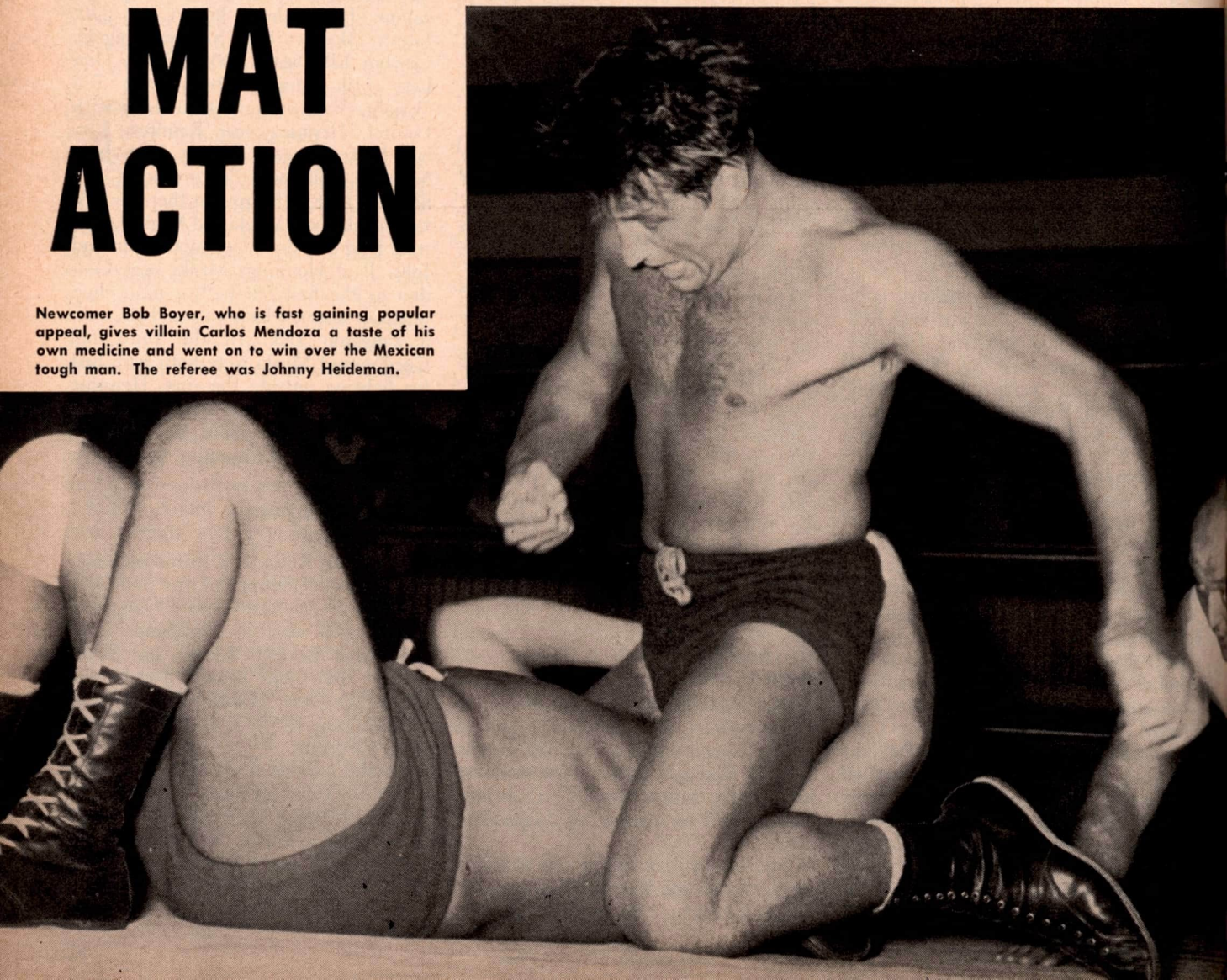




(Left), Ray Villmer, a veteran doing big things in the South, seen moving from a leg hold to a stomach stomp as Tosh Togo grunts with pain. Vollmer won the match with a body press after a series of leg holds. The action took place in Charlotte, North Carolina. Above we see The Great Bolo, masked, doing a neat job of nose and ear wrenching on his way to victory over Jackie Fargo in ring enclosed with chicken wire eight feet from the ring posts. The fans had to be protected. (Photos by Gordon)

MAT ACTION

Newcomer Bob Boyer, who is fast gaining popular appeal, gives villain Carlos Mendoza a taste of his own medicine and went on to win over the Mexican tough man. The referee was Johnny Heideman.



WHEN IS A TITLE BOUT NOT A TITLE BOUT?

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pounds. Both made it, Armstrong scaling 139 to Jenkins' 135½. The bout was held at the Polo Grounds on July 17.

The fight failed to live up to expectations. Jenkins was a keen disappointment. Lew was supposed to have trained at Doc Bier's camp at Pompton Lakes, N. J., but he seemed to spend most of his time riding motorcycles around the countryside, dropping in too often at wayside taverns, and getting himself involved in a series of runs-in with the forces of law and order.

Armstrong's pace was too much for the Texan. Early in the bout it was obvious that unless he could nail Armstrong with a clean punch, he was doomed to defeat. And he couldn't connect with the bobbing, weaving, eternally aggressive Armstrong, who swarmed all over him, battering away with both hands. A knockdown in the fourth was the beginning of the end. Jenkins went down twice more in the fifth, three times in the sixth and was too exhausted to answer the bell for the seventh.

The bad beating seemed to steady Lew, and he came back to defeat Bob Mortgomery in a non-title bout and defend his championship by kayoing another former conqueror, Pete Lello, in two rounds.

On October 4 of that year, the cagey veteran Fritzie Zivic stunned the boxing world by lifting the welterweight title from Armstrong in Madison Square Garden. Zivic came back to the Garden for his notorious brawl with Al (Bummy) Davis, which ended with the Brooklyn boy's disqualification and his license lifted.

What could be more natural than a Zivic-Jenkins fight? They clashed in the Garden ring on December 20, but Zivic's laurels were not at stake. It was a "handicap" match, Fritzie coming in at 142½ pounds, to Jenkins' 135¼. It was a hard-fought battle, with Jenkins making a strong enough showing to earn an official draw. The three officials failed to agree in their voting, one tabbing for Zivic, another for Jenkins and the third for a draw.

The fight called for a return, but first there were other matters both Zivic and Jenkins had to attend to. Those matters were return bouts with the men they had beaten for their titles. Zivic made his second victory over Armstrong even more decisive than the first one. He stopped Henry in twelve rounds in the Garden. Then Jenkins, also in the Garden, met up with Ambers again. Lou fared better this time, but not well enough. Jenkins caught up to him in the seventh round.

While Zivic was bouncing around the country, Jenkins continued his ring activity by taking Bob Montgomery again in an overweight match. Jenkins, in poor condition, was beaten by the Philadelphia Bobcat.

A new face had entered the picture by this time in the person of a flashy, hard-hitting Detroit-born Harlemite named Walker Smith, or better known to the trade as Ray Robinson.

Sugar Ray, with a spectacular run of victories, was casting his shadow across Zivic's throne and demanding a title match.

Zivic, to sidetrack Robinson, took a title bout in Newark with Freddie (Red) Cochrane, a nondescript battler who was rated just another small club performer. However, whether it was part of a plan to lend the crown to Cochrane and bypass Robinson, Zivic was unexpectedly beaten on July 29, 1941.

So now Zivic was out of the picture and Jenkins was avoiding a title showdown with Montgomery. The result was another "handicap" non-title match between Jenkins and the new welterweight champion. It was arranged for the Garden. Cochrane scaled 141½ to Jenkins' 135. By now Lew's mania for motorcycling around the landscape had really taken its toll, and the Texan was given a bad beating by Cochrane, even being dropped three times in the fourth round by the light-hitting Elizabeth redhead. That was on October 6, 1941.

Two months later, in a dull footrace and tugging match, the once-dangerous Jenkins lost his crown to Sammy (The Clutch) Angott, and with his passing as lightweight champion a strange chapter in boxing history was ended.

LISTON A REMINDER

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Everybody knew Liston was well in front, even though he had been penalized a total of three points for foul blows. The referee scored 119-112 under the 10 points must system, and gave Machen only one round—the 11th. The judges voted 118-114 and 118-116 for Liston.

I would like Liston better if he was faster. Louis was slow of foot, but had lightning speed in his hands. Superior speed should give Patterson an edge, should he defend against the No. 1 challenger, but Sonny has the punching power to turn the tide, if he could connect.

All of which is speculation. Liston, as a contender, is on the right road, following a trail blazed by Dempsey, Louis and Rocky Marciano by fighting any and all contenders. Marciano defeated Roland LaStarza, and knocked out Rex Layne, Louis, Lee Savold and Harry Mathews to force Jersey Joe Walcott to fight him.

Dempsey came up the hard way, knocking out Battling Levinsky, the light-heavyweight champ; the gigantic Carl Morris, Gunboat Smith among others. It was his quick, one-round triumph over Fred Fulton that clinched his title chance with Jess Willard.

Louis knocked over three former champions—Max Baer, Primo Carnera and Jack Sharkey. He was knocked out by another, Max Schmeling, but bounced right back to stop James J. Braddock. Then, as champion, he took out Schmeling in a round.

Tunney was forced to duck Wills because of the political situation that prevailed at the time, but Gene fought five furious fights with Harry Greb, and knocked out Georges Carpentier and Tom Gibbons before he caught up with Dempsey on that rainy evening. The good ones all did it that way.

Wills never got his chance, and neither did Sam Langford. The Boston Tar Baby chased Jack Johnson to all points of the globe without succeeding in getting him into a ring. In a sense Liston's position is similar to the one Langford was in years ago. He is in pursuit of a champion, who has said he will fight him. The question is when?

EMILE GRIFFITH

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terview got the following statements from Griffith:

Q: "Who's your favorite composer?"

A: (with shy grin) *"His name—and please don't laugh—is Lord Melody."*

Q: "What type music appeals to you most?"

A: *"If you don't mind a joke, the jingle of cash."*

Q: "Take part in other sports aside from boxing?"

A: *"Yes. Baseball—in position of catcher. But in boxing I like to do the pitching."*

Q: "What is your favorite food?"

A: *"Something I always hated. But Mr. Clancy once talked me into trying raw clams. Now I'm crazy about them."*

Q: Now that you moved into the ratings and will be receiving fairly large purses, do you intend to quit your job?"

A: (shaking head), *"Oh, no! I wouldn't feel right not working for Mr. Albert. I won't quit—not for quite a while. He treats me more like a son than a worker.*

Q: Are you religious, Emile?"

A: *"Yes, sir! I'm a choir boy and attend services every Sunday at St. James missionary church, of which I am a member."*

Q: What do you plan to do after you're finished with the ring?"

A: *"I hope to operate an auto repair shop."*

Q: "Do you think you'll win the welterweight title first?"

A: *"It is for me to hope but for God to decide. I'm trying to be worthy of His favor."*

MIDDLEWEIGHTS MEAN UNREST

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but, within a few hours, he was dead, a day plus a month after his 24th birthday.

The ironic twist which made his demise so much the stuff of the theater was this—the rifle with which he'd been killed was his own. The intended avenger had selected it for that reason.

TRAGEDY AND HUMOROUS HAPPENINGS IN DIVISION

In the parallel path of tragedy there was to be the man to whom Ketchel had lost the title and from whom he recaptured it, Billy Papke.

As an aspirant to the succession, Papke was not lucky, being beaten on a foul in 15 rounds by Frank Klaus at Paris. He faded from the ring and the spotlight shortly after World War I.

In the thirties, when he was working as a saloon greeter in Newport, Cal., Papke made the headlines anew—he murdered his recently divorced wife, then killed himself with the same weapon.

Interwoven into the often sad fabric of the middleweights' legend are lighter aspects of bizarre happenstance.

None is more amusing than that involving George Chip, the Scranton, Pa., Lithuanian who took the title from Klaus, and Al McCoy, the southpaw from Brooklyn, who actually was Jewish with the family name of Rudolph.

The principal actor in the situation was little Charlie Goldman, lively old-timer whose greatest feat was converting a novice Rocky Marciano into an undefeated heavyweight champion, training-wise, that is. Nobody forgets the maneuvering was Al Weill's.

But to get back to Goldman and the Chip-McCoy come-off.

At that time Charley was a partner in the management of McCoy with Jack Daugherty. McCoy was not a standout, nor was he a ham. But there was nothing in his reputation to warrant a fight with the champion.

At the beginning Al had been matched with Joe Chip, the titleholder's brother and stablemate. Joe was taken sick and Jimmy Dime, who handled both brothers, notified Goldman and Daugherty.

Charley suddenly awoke to opportunity. "Why blow the purse?" he urged, "They're both middleweights like our guy. Let George take Joe's place."

TITLE CHANGED HANDS IN 'NO-DECISION' CONTEST

Dime was a sucker for a dollar. He agreed. So the fight was made for Brooklyn's old Broadway Arena, at the weight but 'no decision,' meaning that the title only could change hands on a knockout . . . and who, especially the champ's manager, could see this southpaw knocking out the champ?

Now Goldman's planning wasn't limited to getting Chip into the ring with McCoy. He had told his man: "This fellow is going to be cagey at the start because you're a lefty, so you take a chance, bomb him right away. . . ."

Al obediently moved in with a right lead and, as Chip's guard automatically lifted to protect his face, the southpaw drilled home a left to the midsection. It caught Chip in the base of the windpipe area.

"*I'll never forget it,*" Charley often has said, "*it was like letting the air out of a balloon.*"

The champion slowly settled backwards, losing strength and co-ordination until he lay there limp. He was counted out and the triumph was Goldman's. The trainer had mousetrapped Chip's manager.

McCoy's knockout didn't bring him plaudits, though. He was derided as a "cheese champion." The name didn't fall away when he twice fought George Chip again in no-decision fights which went the limit—and in which he didn't make a bad showing. He also got around to Joe Chip too.

But such is the mantle of the middleweights—score an upset and you're a clown.

Yet, the night McCoy lost his title, to Mike O'Dowd on a knockout in the sixth round, he went out like a fighter, giving it a good try.

It isn't altogether an accident that, when fans talk of the wildest-behaving American ringman of all time, it's a former middleweight champion they mean—Harry Greb.

Greb, flat-nosed Pittsburgher, broke all records for riotous conduct in between fights. His romantic escapades ranged from coast to coast. But Harry was shrewd enough to let the stories grow taller than truth merited—when it suited his purpose.

For example, as the challenger he was matched with Johnny Wilson, southpay champion from Boston, an Italian whose proper name was John Panica. Immediately he noised it about that he had been on a bender and "I'm going to stay on it, I don't need to be in shape to lick Wilson," he'd proclaimed. Each day, after visiting the gym, he'd drop in on a prohibition-era speakeasy.

However, by fight-time, he was in darn good shape. Naturally powerful, he'd driven himself hard while putting on his dissipation act. And, in 15 rough-house rounds, he stripped Wilson of his title robes.

Speaking of roughhousing, Greb made the middleweight-championship line outstanding in that category. He butted, he kneed. Accusations of thumbing against him were commonplace.

Still, he had the mark of a man. Somebody else could be just as vicious to him and he'd never open his mouth. In his heyday there was a contemporary by the name of Chuck Wiggins, who had a reputation for intimidating opponents. They fought half a dozen times. And, after the first one, Wiggins had behaved himself. "*How come, Harry?*" someone asked Greb. "*Aw, the bum turned chicken,*" he said.

FABULOUS GREB-WALKER YARN OFTEN RETOLD

Greb and Mickey Walker, equally a character, were responsible for a fabulous chapter of dual derring-do. This was their sequel to their title fight, in which Greb repelled Walker's title challenge at New York in 15 rounds.

Later that night Harry and Mickey met in Billy LaHiff's Tavern. They had some drinks together and their replay of the fight took on ribbing overtones.

They adjourned to the Silver Slipper night club nearby, cracking gags at each other's expense. Then Walker said: "*You know, if you didn't stick your thumb in my eye, I'd have knocked you out.*" Greb answered: "*OK, let's go up on the street and we'll see how good you are.*"

From here on the chain of events is muddled. Skeptics say they both were too stiff to disturb the peace at a sorority pajama party. Those who like to enrich a fable say they slugged it out until a cop broke it up.

Another legend concerning Greb had been that his correct name was Berg, that he spelled it backwards to be different. This yarn was knocked into a cocked hat by the birth records in Pittsburgh, which show that he was born Edward Henry Greb.

A pro from the age of 18, hard-muscled Harry had campaigned strenuously into his thirties. Within 32 days in 1926 he fought six times, bouncing from Toronto to Omaha to Los Angeles to Oakland to Prescott, Ariz. From the road he stepped into a title defense against Tiger Flowers, preacher-pugilist out of Camille, Ga., a lefty, in New York.

He suddenly came apart, like the one-horse shay. It was described so: "*The human windmill has run out of wind. Flowers beat him at his own game, cuffing and slapping.*"

A few months later Greb got a return for the championship but was licked again. And, in his failures against Flowers, he had helped shape the individualism of the middleweight title—in what other division had a champion won his title from a southpaw (Wilson) and then lost it to another southpaw?

TWO CHAMPIONS LOST LIFE IN SURGERY

There was truly macabre history to be written.

In the fall of that year Greb broke a bone in his nose in a car accident and entered a hospital at Atlantic City for a seemingly minor operation.

The operation was successful but unbelievable tragedy followed—he died, of heart failure following the operation.

Then the fantastic revelation by his doctor: Greb had boxed for five years with a glass eye in his right socket!

Friends disputed this but admitted he had hidden blindness in his right eye for three years. They said he'd had it removed for an artificial eye only a couple of months before his death.

There was another harrowing link between the Grim Reaper and the middleweight title: less than a year after Flowers lost the championship to Mickey Walker, Tiger passed away, also on the heels of apparently minor surgery.

He had been placed in a New York hospital for removal of scar tissue. An hour's work by Dr. Wilfred Fralick and the well-known physician told Walk Miller, his manager: *"You can go home, he's fine, he's resting."* But, during the night, in a routine check by a nurse, he was found to be dead.

The cause, it was discovered, was 'status lymphaticus,' a condition which hit, according to records, in one of 100,000 cases.

Again a believe-it-or-not for the middleweights: two successive champions, both 32 years old, losing their lives within little over a year from after-effects of allegedly innocuous surgery.

Happier deviations from the norm were provided by Walker, snub-nosed, smiling product of Elizabeth, N. J., who first had been welter champion.

Mickey was heedless gaiety personified, best typified by a story from his 1927 trip to Europe for a title fight with Tommy Milligan of England.

With Walker's approval, Jack (Doc) Kearns, his manager, had bet their entire purse on the bout and, with winnings of around $300,000, they had themselves a riotous round of celebration.

Their entourage included Walter (Good Time Charlie) Friedman. When Mickey recalled he had promised his family to visit Ireland and kiss the Blarney Stone, he dispatched Friedman to get plane tickets to Dublin.

Good Time Charlie, who had a lady love in Paris, purchased transportation but to the French capital, not Dublin. Virtually poured onto the plane, Walker did not come to until the plane was circling to land. He opened his eyes. He stared in disbelief. He elbowed Kearns: *"Look, you'll never believe it, they've moved the Eiffel Tower to Dublin!"*

It is fact that Walker went through a million dollars—without regret.

"I never fought for future security," he recalls, *"I did it for kicks."*

It was following relinquishment of the middleweight crown by Walker, for weight-making reasons, that the class got into its first hassle over rival claims.

The National Boxing Association sponsored an elimination tournament, the New York State Athletic Commission ran its own.

From the former emerged Gorilla Jones, Memphis' man. Ben Jeby, originally known on New York's East Side as Morris Jebaltowski, was set on New York's throne.

Jones jaunted to Paris for a title fight with Marcel Thil, France's best. He fought apathetically. His seconds urged him: *"Throw some punches."* He replied: *"No hurry, no hurry."* When it got around to the 11th round, he let some go—all low. He was disqualified in that round and dethroned.

Jeby's occupancy-lease was terminated by yet another of the southpaws who populate middleweight title pages, Lou Brouillard of Worcester, Mass., who knocked him out in seven rounds. Brouillard, holder of the welter title for three months, held the middleweight scepter only two months. Vince Dundee, Baltimore's Vincent Lazzaro, took it away from him.

The New York-recognized championship breed became highly inconsistent. Vince Dundee was title-shorn by Teddy Yarosz of Pittsburgh in the latter's home city. Next Yarosz, handicapped by a bad leg, was deprived of his crown by Babe Risko of Syracuse in Pittsburgh.

THIL'S CLAIM TO TITLE RESISTED BY NEW YORK

The N.B.A. brand had fared better. Marcel Thil had followed up his victory on a foul over Jones with defeats of the British champion, Len Harvey, and Eric Seelig, Germany's best. But New York resisted the logical claims of Thil.

Even when Thil came to this country to box Fred Apostoli on the Carnival of Champions in 1937, the big town's brass hats refused to sanction their meeting as for the crown. Apostoli, who stopped Thil, had to sign an agreement waiving his claims if he won.

Meanwhile the 'other' crown had gone to Freddie Steele, good-looking Tacoma, Wash., boxer-puncher. He had outboxed Babe Risko in Seattle and again in New York.

The locale of his Risko return was an odd point. It gave Freddie New York's nod. In effect, it healed the breach so far as this country was concerned, although it kept going internationally.

Later New York, aware of Apostoli's Thil-enhanced status, sought to bring the two Freds together for world acceptance. Now Steele played hard to get. He would accept a non-title fight only. He was knocked out by Apostoli but his N.B.A. crown remained intact.

Thus two rival championships were in business again. Apostoli had authenticated the New York bauble by knocking out Young Corbett III. But on the N.B.A. side Steele went on the skids.

Slugger Al Hostak threw one at his chin, Steele collapsed, Hostak winning the N.B.A. title in the first round. In the next two years Hostak and Solly Krieger, Brooklyn brawler, took turns at staying up there. When Hostak got the crown back, he encountered, to his regret, a rising Tony Zale. Zale blasted him.

ROBINSON'S WAR WITH N.B.A. BRINGS ON NEW CRISIS

But New York was undergoing a series of palace revolutions of its own. Ceferino Garcia, bolo punching showman from the Philippines, amazed the boxing world by taking Apostoli's crown via a crushing seventh-round knockout. Next it was Garcia's role to be the patsy. Ken Overlin, run-of-the-mine cutie boxer hitherto, turned up with one of his cleverest boxing exhibitions. He swept the jewelry off the Filipino's noggin. Then what? Then Billy Soose, swift-stabbing Penn State collegian, made off with the crown against Overlin on a disputed decision.

Here fate appeared to have a hand once more. Soose, a six-footer with a light heavyweight's frame, decided to forfeit the championship rather than hurt himself attempting to make 160 pounds. This left the New York title open. But it also provided a worthy pretender in Georgie Abrams, a ranking middleweight who had beaten Soose three times before Billy was champ.

Abrams against Zale, the N.B.A. champion, for a title straightener-outer . . . what did the New York Commission think? It agreed—and the long-existing gap was to end in togetherness. Georgie and Tony fought a sizzling 15 rounds at Madison Square Garden, Zale winning a deserved decision and an unsullied deed to the 160-pound property.

From that date, Nov. 28, 1941, the championship remained in one piece for nearly 17 years, until Sugar Ray Robinson's war with the N.B.A. precipitated the match between Gene Fullmer and Carmen Basilio which created the first of today's diversionary crowns.

But don't get things wrong, those were not tranquil years. The middleweight storm center kicked up a few gales . . . you'll recall Rocky Graziano's license revocation in New York for 'failure to report a bribe offer' and his dramatic capture of the N.B.A. title in Chicago from Tony Zale in their second bout when he crowed: *"tell 'em, the black sheep becom' the champ."*

FOUR FEATHERS

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started right out on a pro career without the benefit of any amateur experience in the spring of 1958 and has done very well for his limited training.

Standing 5 ft. 6 inches, and scaling around 128 pounds he has been forced to meet welterweights in order to get action. His record of only 9 wins in 18 bouts is not an imposing one but the important factor is that he has shown improvement in each start despite his fighting heavy men. Against men in his own weight class he has won six out of seven bouts.

Last September Al traveled to Dallas, Texas when he dropped his only featherweight decision, an 8 rounder to tough Johnny Shaw. Three days later in Oklahoma City he stopped Red Holt in the ninth round to win the Oklahoma State featherweight crown.

In his last three fights he returned to Texas and scored an impressive two round kayo over Junior Flores and wins over Artie Clark, Tano Serna. He hopes to continue fighting in the Lone Star state as he needs steady work to advance along the fistic trail.

PABLO LOPEZ

The fourth and final member of the quartet is the baby of the group in both age and experience, he is Pablo Lopez.

The youngest in a family of six children he was born in Arroyo, Puerto Rico, and came to the United States at the age of five. Pablo has two other brothers, Dave and Domingo, and three sisters Alba, Milly, and Silvia. His dad, Guzman, was an amateur welterweight in Puerto Rico and his brother, Domingo, boxed as a 147 pounder in the Golden Gloves in 1957.

It was while watching Domingo train that Pablo got bit by the boxing bug and started as a simon-pure at the St. Mary's Park Center in the Bronx. His first year he won the Parks' Department Junior Olympic 118 pound championship. He had a total of 35 amateur bouts, losing only 3, and scoring 11 knockouts.

In 1959 he won the Puerto Rico tournament championships of New York and lost in the finals of the Golden Gloves to his stablemate Marcos Morales but was named to the New York City team and bowed out in the semi-final round of the Eastern Tournament of champions to the veteran Luis Figueora. Picked as an alternate for the inter-city bouts he lost to John Joiner in Chicago in a bout termed the most sensational of the night.

Shortly after his eighteenth birthday last year he turned pro and has rolled up a record of 5 wins, 1 loss and 1 draw in seven bouts. He reversed his draw with Willie Green and is anxious to meet Cecil Barboza, who beat him in his third bout.

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World heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson poses with the car that was presented to him for his use while on his tour of Europe. Floyd has scored a tremendous hit with the people, and has done a superb job as a good-will ambassador.

THE MAT WORLD

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Rogers vs. Bearcat Wright match at Chicago attracted 30,000 customers who paid $89,000. . . . Don Beitelman, who won the East Coast version of the U. S. Heavy TV title from Johnny Valentine at Pittsburgh, is again teaming with Mark Lewin. Lewin completed his 6-month Army hitch in July. Donn Lewis is in Chicago, where the matches are promoted by Bobby Managoff. . . . Karol Krauser, who is not to be confused with Karol (Kalmikoff) Krauser, is in the East. . . . Fritz Von Ulm and Buddy Austin are being billed as Frankie and Johnny Gabor in the East. . . . Roy Heffernan and Al Costello won against Haystack Calhoun and Chief Big Heart at D. C. in August. . . . Tito Carreon is in the East. . . . Appearing in New York City are Fritz Von Erich, Wally Sieber, Ricki Starr, Miguel Perez, Great Antonio, the Bavarians, Tony Angelo, John and Chris Tolos, Ilio DiPaolo, Tony Silipini, Chet Wallick, Jackie and Sonny Fargo, and the Gallagher Brothers. A newcomer to New York is Rene Bardot. . . . Ricki Starr will return to Texas after a 4-year absence. . . . Miller is being billed as Mr. Kleen. . . . Buddy Rogers, who is one of the few wrestlers to hold a victory over Antonino Rocca, is claiming the U. S. heavy title. . . . Verne Gagne is being billed as the World's heavy champ in the Minneapolis area.

WRESTLING REPORT
by Joel Zuller

Wrestling is keeping up the tremendous gates in over 500 arenas around the country. Such was the case on the card as promoter Tony La Barbra staged at the Empire Rollerdrome in Brooklyn, New York.

Jose Romero, 9 year veteran and holder of the Mexican championship belt, beat the tent maker, the Great Antonio. The referee stopped the match when the "Hairy Ape" the Great Antonio refused to break. Ricki Starr battled to a victory over Dr. Jerry Graham. The match ended when the Dr. could not make it back into the ring. The famous Gallagher's returned after six months of Cleveland wrestling and defeated Harry and Rudy the Bavarian Boys. The losing hair Gallagher's won by using their patented "Blinding hold," which cuts off the sight of their victims.

The Boston Arena has had some really good matches. Antonino Rocca went to a draw with the Ring villion of the year, Killer Kowalski. Lou Thesz, four time winner of the National Wrestling Alliance championship, went to a draw with the man with the cast iron stomach, Pepper Gomez. Big Daddy Liscomb the Baltimore Colt star beat hard head Skull Murphy and old time favorite Cowboy Rocky Lee.

On the Baltimore scene the U. S. heavyweight champion "Nature Boy" Buddy Rogers, kept his belt by defeating "Sweet Daddy" Siki in the rematch ordered by the Maryland State Athletic Commission. In this great match special referee, Movie Star Mike Mazurki was ordered to keep the peace.

CLEVELAND AND AKRON, OHIO WRESTLING
by John C. Coufalik

This correspondent wishes to thank all United States, Canadian and European fans as well as fellow correspondents of "The Ring" magazine for acknowledging the effort's put forth in this column.

Every once in a while there comes from a distant country a wrestler with outstanding ability and at this time there is appearing in Ohio a Polish wrestler known to Ohio fans as "Iron Man" Talun, real name Ladislav Talun, who possesses strength that may equal or surpass the power shown by such stars as "Hercules" Romero and Yukon Eric. He is a highly scientific grappler. Gregory Jarque and Reggie Parks are also among the line of Scientific wrestlers that are proving themselves on the Ohio Mat, and Billy "Red" Lyons is proving more and more that he deserves a crack at the World heavyweight championship or at least the British empire title.

RATINGS

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whipped Baby Brown, 10.

Al Urbina defeated Paul Armstead, 10, and kayoed Carlos Rios, 5. Fred Galiana defeated Guizani Rezgui, 10. Baby Vasquez whipped Leo Agbulos, 10.

Orlando Zulueta outboxed Hilario Morales, 10. Gene Gresham outpointed Leroy Jeffrey, 10. Leroy had stopped Willie Cooper, 6. Ben Medina stopped Howard Pasley, 9.

Lauro Salas outpointed Chuck Flores, 10, but lost to Tony Gutierrez, 10. Solomon Boysaw outscored Steve Nittes, 12. Jimmy Hornsby kayoed Oscar Ortegon, 6. Jose Luis Cruz kayoed Gil Cadilli, 2.

Eloy Henry decisioned Stanley Wilson, 10. Salvador Vera kayoed Al Nevarez, 8. Keiichi Ishikawa defeated Teddy Davis, 10. Ramon Cervantes kayoed Mar Castellanos, 7. Oripes dos Santos halted Adrian Servin, 7. Frank Garcia upset Manolo Garcia, 10.

Jorge Gutierrez stopped Manuel Jimenez, 7. Bunny Grant won the Jamaican title outpointing Keiffer Edwards, 15. Chuck Taylor stopped Stan Fitzgerald, 10. Fred Martinovich whipped Tony Christy, 8. Carmie Price kayoed Roy Carruthers, 3.

Ray Estepa won over Billy Orais, 8. Fighting San Carlos defeated Sammy Boria, 10. Enrique Camarena stopped Juan Leyva, 8. Andy Arel defeated Sugar Boy Campbell, 8. Sergio Gomez defeated Hilario Espana, 10. Antonio Fernandes defeated Valdemar Benedito, 10.

Panama champion Hector Hicks drew with featherweight Melvin Bourne, 10. Pedro Ortiz kayoed Toto Ibarra, 8.

Rip Randall defeated Angel Guerrero, 10. Joey Limas outscored Joe Parks, 10. Hilton Smith defeated Clarence Jackson, 6. Esteban Santamaria and Fenley Hooker drew, 6. Nico Lucho defeated Pedro Benelli, 10. Pedro then beat Osvaldo Caneto, 10.

Antonio Sanchez and Cisco Kid, drew 10. Santiago Ramirez bested Chuco Mejia, 10. Ray Zamora kayoed Tino Rodriguez, 1. Adolfo Olguin whipped Alex Assans, 10. Stanley Ray kayoed Silvestre Wallace, 4.

Miguel Orona defeated Vicente Nuno, 10. Ruben Cadena whipped Tony Lopez, 10. Jackie Matesic kayoed Billy Lowery, 2. Percy Hayles defeated Kid Bassey, 8, and Hart Grant, 8. Cordoba Rodriguez defeated Chuy Zulueta, 8.

Larry Armstead stopped Manuel Gonzalez, 5, and drew with Henry Watson, 2. Frankie Taylor whipped Arnold DeMarizo, 6. Rodolfo Henry upset Esteban Santamaria, 6. Eddie Beattie stopped Art Hayward, 5.

Ray Estepa defeated Bill Orias, 6. Walt Varez kayoed Lalo Varelo, 7. Al Medrano and Eddie Moore drew, 6. Frank Talaga won over Joey Lopez, 10.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

World Champion Davey Moore retained his title outpointing Kazuo Takayama, 15.

British Empire Champion Percy Lewis was held to a surprise draw by Billy Calvert, 8. Danny Valdes upset Ricardo Gonzalez, 10.

Sugar Ramos kayoed Jesus Santamaria, 9. Juan Ramirez won the Mexican title by outpointing Fili Nava, 12.

Aldo Gamboa won the Argentina title defeating Afredo Bunetta, 12. Auburn Copeland and Aldo Pravisani drew, 12.

Chilean champion Roberto Lobos retained his crown beating Abelardo Sira, 12. Tony Perez upset Kid Anahuac, 10.

Melvin Bourne drew with Hector Hicks, 10. Carlos Cruz defeated Lionel Rivera, 10.

Oscar Vargas whipped Victorio Cespedes, 10. Paul Reyes upset Chilo Barranco, 10. Alberto Martinez scored over Bobby Bell, 10, Bobby also lost to Panchito Macias, 10.

Rudy Coronado kayoed Moi Torres, 4. Cain Rogero kayoed Abel Paredes, 3. Roberto Palavecino won over Pablo Gonzalez, 10. Juan Hernandez whipped Indio Ramos, 10.

Rudy Cornoa kayoed Saniel Amieva, 4. Efren Jimenez upset Luis Trejo, 10. Luis kayoed Roberto Landa, 7. Alberto Soto whipped Manuel Jimenez, 10. Tito Marshall kayoed Jose Felix Gondola, 1.

Cubanito Gonzalez won over Delfino Martinez, 10. Patrocinio Allen defeated Vicente Worrell, 10. Fernando Gomez scored over Zurdo Galvan, 10.

Daniel Berrios defeated Rafael Navarro, 8. Ray Best won over Salvador Melendez, 6. Humberto Herman won over Modesto Lara, 6.

Hilton Smith stopped Eddie Whitaker, 4, and beat Clarence Jackson, 6. Ivan Tombolini defeated Joe Buck, 10. Melchor Conteras outscored Jose Valdivis, 6. Howard Winstone stopped Sergio Milan, 6. Ronnie Calvert kayoed John Smillie, 1.

Beto Rodriguez whipped Eduardo Duran, 8, but was kayoed by Marcelo Gonzalez, 5. Gallito Reyes stopped Gil Tapia, 4, and Bobby Garza, 8.

Al Franklin kayoed Artie Clark, 3, and beat Tano Serna, 8.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Eloy Sanchez scored a big upset in kayoing world champion Joe Becarra, 8 (non-title).

Piero Rollo won the Italian title by beating Mario Sitri, 12. Jose Lopez whipped Manny Elias, 10.

Leo Espinosa defeated Kozo Nagata, 10. Argentine champion Ernesto Miranda retained his title beating Jose Smecca, 12, he also beat Federico Ripoll, 10.

Lalo Guerrero kayoed Ward Yee, 4. Carlos Hernandez upset Nacho Escalante, 10. Henry Hitchman defeated Chucho Gutierrez, 12.

Carlos Hernandez defeated Torito Mota, 10. Mota beat Chucho Tello, 10. Jorge Salazar kayoed Juan Sanchez, 6.

Charlie Branch stopped Bobby Singleton, 3. Victor Manuel Rodriguez kayoed Roberto Lopez, 7. Angel Boy bested Al Reyes, 10.

Ricardo Lara kayoed Anofre Dominguez, 4. Gonzalo Galvan beat Chatito Ochoa, 10. Ray Balta beat Lolo Mesen, 10. Patricio Petatan defeated Fili Ascencio, 10.

Tuntun Torres bested Panchito Hernandez, 10. Miguel Paredes stopped Manuel Galvez, 7. Daniel Fernandez stopped Gallito Segundo, 3. Carlos Olivares upset Nacho Esalante, 10.

Isidro Morales whipped Mosco Vargas, 8. Luis Hernandez kayoed Chatito Garcia, 6. Jimmy Jackson kayoed L. C. Smith, 1. Arturo Vazquez defeated Jose Ramirez, 10.

Abel Donnell stopped Al Medrano, 6. Ludwig Lightburn defeated Ramon Cervantes, 10. Chuck Taylor stopped Roland Kellem, 7. Ernie Cuadres stopped Chino Jimenez, 6. Leo Pitcher and Wilson Harris drew, 6.

FLYWEIGHTS

Edmundo Esparza kayoed veteran Baby Moe Mario, 3.

Chilean champion German Pardo retained his title beating Julio Barrera, 12. Giacomo Spano outscored Roberto Olmedo, 10, and Alberto Garcia, 10.

Jupiter Mansilla kayoed Alberto Garcia, 7. Mexican champ Nacho Escalante lost to bantams Carlos Hernandez, 10, and Carlos Olivares, 10.

Carlos Miranda defeated Santiago Josoff, 10. Jimmy Abeyta stopped Chuy Miranda, 4. Ron Davies decisioned Frankie Jones, 10. Santos Seoane defeated Raton Osuna, 12, to win the Spanish title. Jackie Brown bested John Morrissey, 8. Salvatore Burruni outscored Pancho Bhatachaji, 8, and Edgar Basel, 10.

Kyo Noguchi decisioned Kid Independence, 10. Eddie Barraclough won from George McDade, 10. Pedro Caravajal won over Carlos Cruz, 6.

Fidel Alfaro kayoed Papelero Velazquez, 6. Roman Rodriguez whipped Victor Aguilar, 6. Fidel Hernandez kayoed Jose Luis Mendez, 2. Gaby Beltran beat Goyo Torres, 6.

German Garcia stopped Raul Huerta, 2. Chuy Rodriguez kayoed Chaparro DeLeon, 5. Felix Padilla and Chivete Martinez, drew, 8. Thomas Draper kayoed Steven Mannino, 4.

THREE U.S. BOXERS GET RAW DEAL

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influence on the officials. But on the whole the boxing matches were well conducted and the fighting was above par.

Having been present at many Olympic Games I believe that the Rome competition was the equal to the best and better, with more action and more advanced boxers than we have seen in Melbourne.

The fighting spirit of the competitors was in evidence in all except eleven of the 282 contests, in one of which a disqualification took place when Raoul Sarrazin of Canada was sent to his corner in the third round of his fight with Kim Duck of Korea. Three defaults, one due to an eye injury to Marian Kaspryzryk of Poland, were recorded.

There were seven knockouts, not many considering the number of bouts. Three were scored by McClure, unusual in such a tournament. In the only bout in which he failed to put his man away, with Bossi, he was declared the winner by a three to two margin. That brought on riotious scenes and the insults to the American flag when raised in token of McClure's victory. Thousands kept shouting insults while McClure waited for Ambassador Zellendorf to award him his medal.

Little Toyoshi Tanabe of Japan, a flyweight, showed exceptional skill. He was one of the outstanding boys in the tourney, though he received only a bronze medal.

Clay and Crook deserve high honors for their spirited fighting and hard hitting, though each had a close call for two rounds. Clay's last round assault on Pietryzkowski was the outstanding hitting of the tournament.

The exhibition of perfect hitting by the 18 year old Kentucky schoolboy Clay featured the tourney. Had he not gone all out in the final round he would have lost the verdict since the bout was about even and it's a cinch that if Pietrzykowski had won the last round, Clay would have been declared the loser.

But Cassius was fully prepared after a talk by his coach Jules Menendez, Manager Harry Becker and me. Having seen the Pole in action several times, I told him that if the fight went beyond two rounds, he had to go all out to win.

"*I'll do that,*" he told Becker and he stuck to his promise.

He attacked so viciously that he had his opponent out on his feet, resting against the ropes, blood streaming from nose and mouth, arms hanging at his sides. He was a helpless boxer when the bell came to his rescue.

Though the booing and hisses lasted for more than ten minutes following McClure's victory over the Italian Bossi in the fight before the Clay contest, there were no Bronx cheers when Clay demolished his man.

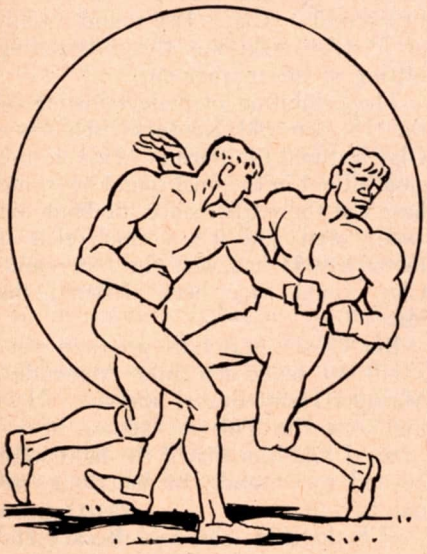
So perfect a job did he perform, that what had been Bedlam a few minutes before, people got to their feet and cheered wildly. It was the greatest acclaim any boxer except the Italian heavyweight champion Francisco De Piccoli, received in the tourney.

Uncle Sam may well feel proud of the newly risen heavyweight whose idol is Floyd Patterson. Clay may have a bright future as a professional. Clay was a delighted young kid when the following morning Floyd visited him in the Village.

The better referees were Devery of the U. S., Major Surkein of the U. S., Timoshin of Russia, Hending of Poland, Nicole of Switzerland and Hirschman of South Africa. They did least to interfere with the boxers, and didn't play for showmanship with the crowd. When an infraction of the rules called for a warning, it was quickly given as against other arbiters who wasted time holding up the fight while warning the offender.

NOVEMBER

"Now, ye Pugilists, listen to what Wit may say, And while the sun shines, take care to make hay, For the hour will come when your vigour must fade, And Fortune, ye know, is a slippery jade."



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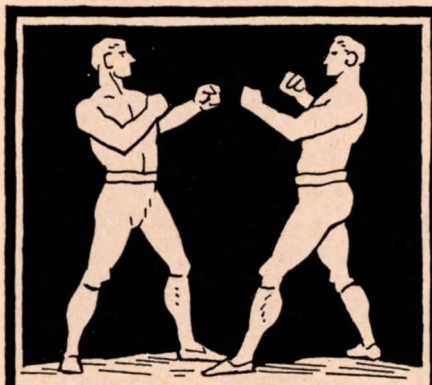
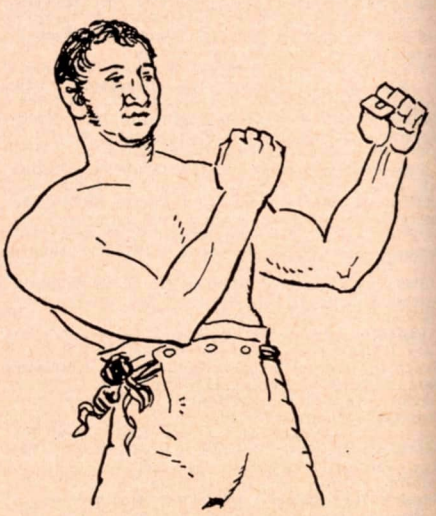


NOV. 9, 1773

JOE HOOD, the Weaver, won on a dispute from JEM PARROT. It was an interesting mill – and had gone 35 mins. when Parrot abruptly left the battleground – and refused to return!

White Conduit Fields – Islington –



NOV. 11, 1823

JOSH HUDSON – the John Bull Fighter – beat JEM WARD

15 ROUNDS

... On the well-fought turf of Moulsey ...

NOV. 13, 1827

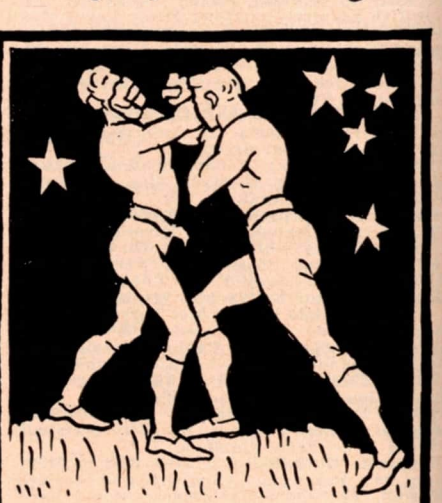
NED NEALE – the Streatham Youth – vanquished Jem Burn

43 ROUNDS

... on Winkfield Plain – in Berkshire ...

NOV. 14, 1796

Tom Owen defeated the celebrated Bully Hooper, 50 rounds – near Harrow. Owen is remembered by History as the inventor of the dumb-bell.



NOV. 16, 1830

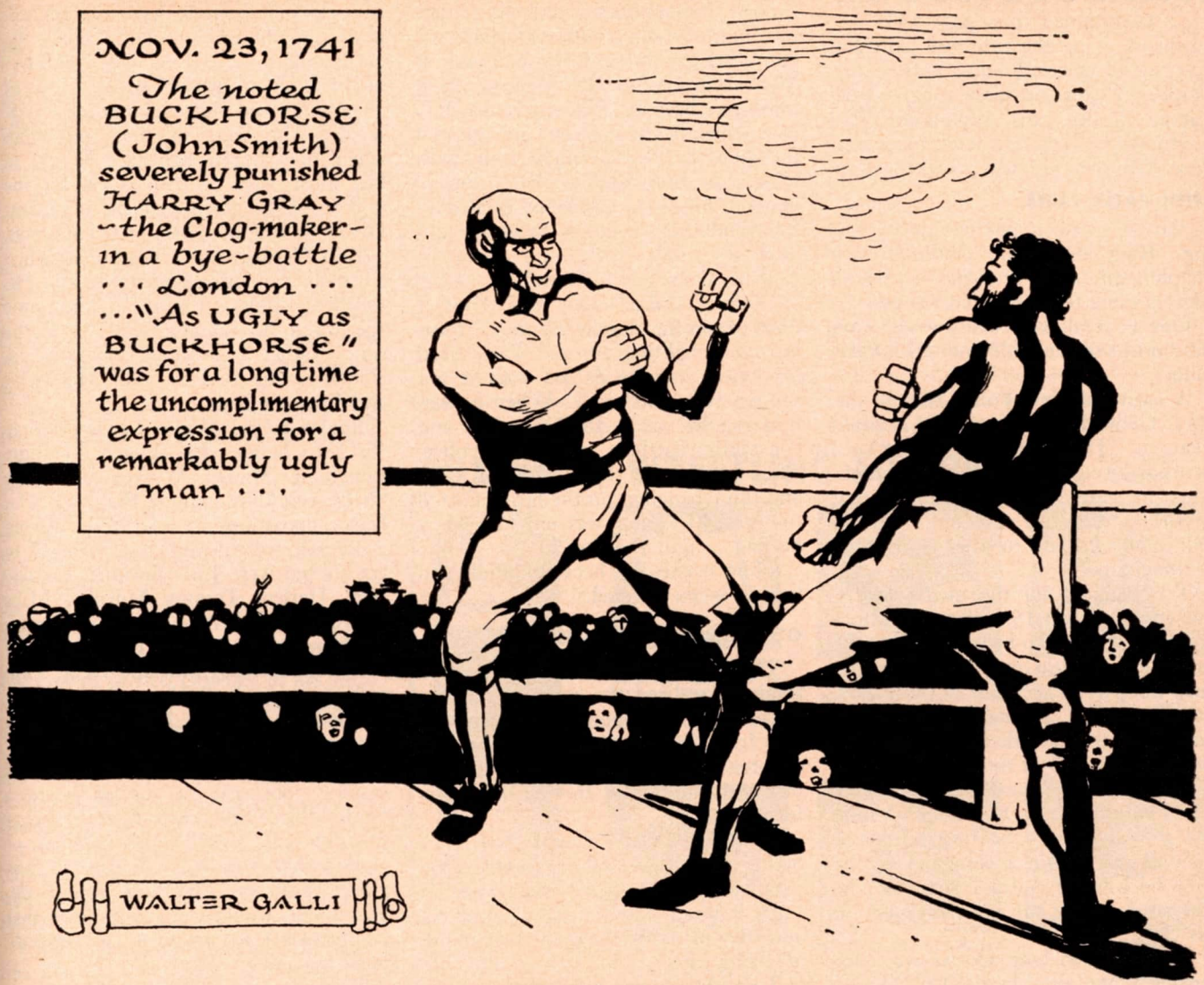
James "Deaf" Burke mauled 'Tim Crawley – a stalwart coalwhipper

33 ROUNDS

... Whetstone ...

NOV. 23, 1741

The noted BUCKHORSE (John Smith) severely punished HARRY GRAY ~the Clog-maker~ in a bye-battle ··· London ··· ···"As UGLY as BUCKHORSE" was for a long time the uncomplimentary expression for a remarkably ugly man ···



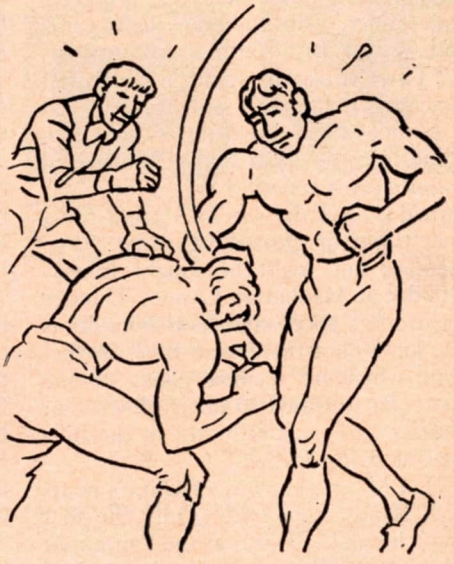
WALTER GALLI

It was in the month of November ~ in 1807 ~ the gallant Hen Pearce ~ the Game Chicken, himself, rescued a pretty young maid from a fire in Bristol ~ a feat which an admiring, tho' anonymous, bard immortalized, as follows,

"Oh, glorious act! Oh, courage well applied!
O, strength exerted in its proper cause!
Thy name, O Pearce! be sounded far and wide,
Live, ever honour'd, midst the world's applause;
Be this thy triumph! know one creature saved,
Is greater glory than a world enslav'd!"

NOV. 25, 1801

The great JEM BELCHER administered a dreadful beating to the notorious bully JOE BERKS ≡ 16 ROUNDS ≡ ···Hurley Bottom ~ near Maidenhead···



NOV. 27, 1817

JACK RANDALL ~ "the Prime Irish Lad" ~ whipped PARISH ~ the Waterman ~ 11 rounds ···Hayes Common, in Kent···

SUCCESS CAME TOO EASILY

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roadwork along the primrose path and sparring sessions with liquor bottles. Yet, despite his constant dissipating and declining health, his superlative skill continued to keep him rated for several years with the light-heavyweight leaders.

IRISH PATSY CLINE

Slattery's case is not unique in boxing. Ring annals are cluttered with chapters on "child prodigies" to whom success came too easily and too early.

One we recall particularly was another descendent of the Ould Sod—Irish Patsy Cline.

A native of New York's Harlem district, Cline, like Slattery, was a gifted "natural." He was only 13, still in knee pants and weighing scarcely 100 pounds, when he started battling as an amateur in 1911. Within a year and a half he had fought his way to titles in eighteen tournaments.

Too talented for the medal-chasers, Patsy was not yet 15, but grown into a featherweight, when he stepped into the professional battle pit. There was no such thing as an age limit in those days, and it was a common practice for youngsters to begin their leather-tossing careers while still in their early teens.

Amateurs or professionals, the opposition was the same to Cline. Despite his youth, he was fighting ten-round main events within a year, and by the time he was 18, and a lightweight, he was rated among the top performers in his class.

It was not so long ago we were discussing Cline with Jack (Doc) Moore, veteran New York manager, promoter and trainer, who has seen them come and go for nigh onto a half-century.

"There've been some mighty fast boxers in my time," said Moore, "but I cannot recall anything faster than Cline. No, not even Packey McFarland and Benny Leonard. When he really turned it on, Patsy was the nearest thing imaginable to greased lightning. I remember one night he fought Johnny Dundee at Manhattan Casino. Dundee was quite a speed merchant himself, as you know, but there were times in that bout when he seemed glued to the floor. Patsy tossed so many gloves that Dundee was practically lost in the blizzard of flying leather."

Had Moore seen any of Cline's bouts with Benny Leonard? "Only the first one," he said. "It was at the Fairmount Club in the Bronx. Leonard was then 18, and already beginning to attract serious attention as a title threat. Cline was two years younger. The Irish-Jewish rivalry in town made the bout a hot natural. And what a fight it was! I don't think I've ever seen anything to match those kids for sheer speed. The older and more experienced Leonard may have had an edge, but it was close enough for argument, and the result was another bout a year or so later. I didn't see that one—I think it was at Manhattan Casino—but from reports it must have been another whizzbang. You may remember that after Leonard won the title, he had a rough time with Cline in Philadelphia. Patsy nearly knocked him out and Benny needed all his wonderful cleverness to escape disaster."

What happened to Cline?

"Failing vision," Doc said, "but it wasn't from fighting in the ring. It was too much fighting outside. Patsy liked his liquor, and he dallied with it not too wisely but too well. When he was drinking he was a trouble-maker, and constantly battling with the police. They often used their billies on him, and those bangings on the head affected his eyesight. Patsy was only 23 when he had to quit the ring."

Cline eventually became blind, and was 53 when he died.

OTHER IRISH "PRODIGIES"

Thinking of Cline and Slattery, we suddenly realized the amazing number of youthful "phenoms" produced by the Irish, and the many memorable chapters they've contributed to the history and tradition of this gruelling profession.

They weren't all "naughty boys" like Slattery and Cline, either. In fact, comparatively few of them were. Most of them learned how to handle success, and they made the most of their profitable ring careers.

Terry McGovern was only 17 when he came out of the amateurs to begin his spectacular drive to a pair of world titles and ring immortality. Before he was 20 the "Terrible One" had acquired first the bantamweight laurels, then the featherweight.

Eddie Hanlon never quite scaled the championship heights, but he was a top-ranking featherweight and lightweight before attaining his majority. At 15, Hanlon was fighting main events in and around his native San Francisco, and by the time he reached 21 he was a veteran of 20-round battles with such opposition as Frankie Neil, Abe Attell, Young Corbett, Benny Yanger, Kid Broad, Battling Nelson and Aurelio Herrera. Hanlon was still young, only 23, when he decided to call it a career after losing a decision to Owen Moran.

One of the ring's all-time greats, Packey McFarland of Chicago, was 15 when he began fighting and he was at his dazzling peak ten years later when he retired to convert his ring earnings into profitable business ventures.

Most current boxing commissions insist that an aspiring leather-pusher must be at least 18 before he can begin professional operations. They may be right. Somehow, the average kid nowadays doesn't seem to have the ruggedness, the physical or mental maturity, of the old-timer. The musty archives of the trade are packed with records of champions and near-champions of yesteryear who were in their mid-teens when they began fighting. Many, in fact most, were of Irish stock, for the wearers of the green were the dominant factors in ring activities of bygone eras.

Billy Gardner was not quite 15 when he made his prizefighting bow. His brother, Jimmy, was about the same age when he followed Billy into the ring. Other 15-year-old debutants included Jimmy Walsh, Eddie McGoorty and Jimmy Clabby.

Spider Kelly, Willie Lewis, George (K.O.) Chaney, Joe Lynch, Tommy Loughran, Mickey Walker and Dave Shade were only some of the many who began operations at 16, while among those who waited until they were 17 to get started were Dal Hawkins, Frankie Neil, Harlem Tommy Murphy, Mike Glover, Richie Mitchell and Billy Conn.

Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, Johnny Kilbane, Frankie Burns and Gene Tunney were virtually "old men" when they decided to try their luck in the fight business. They were all of 18.

There isn't much chance of success coming too early or too easily to a fighter these days. A kid must be at least 18—and usually he's a couple of years older—before he begins to toss gloves professionally, and recent developments would seem to indicate that he doesn't learn to toss 'em properly until he's 30.

Begorrah, we do miss those Irish child prodigies!

THREE U. S. WRESTLERS WIN FIRST AT OLYMPICS

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"It's great," said Blubaugh. "I didn't know how I would do when this whole thing started."

"I am not in as good condition as I was a year ago," said McCann, who works for the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce at Tulsa. "I had a knee operation four months ago and it's bothered me some."

Wilson 23, was the first American to win. He was second in the United States trials, but earned the trip to Rome by his work in training camp.

"I can't believe it," he said. "I came here to win but it was so far away. This is the first championship I've ever won. But what a one to win.

The four Turkish champions were Ahmet Bilek in the flyweight class, Mustafa Dagstanli in the featherweight, Hasan Gungor in the middleweight and Ismet Atli in the light heavyweight.

THE RING DETECTIVE

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rise.

"As he did this, Jimmy Dunn, manager of Downey, dashed over to the ring post and tackled Killilea. Ringsiders said Killilea's hand touched Wilson's arm.

"At the count of five, Referee Gardner touched the fallen champion on the back and shouted into the Bedlam, "I disqualify Downey for hitting Wilson when Wilson was down.'

"A general melee followed, in which Gardner was attacked by Downey's handlers. Police took the situation in hand.

"Finally it was announced that the Boxing Commission overruled the referee and awarded Downey the title on the first knockdown which, according to their official timer, went 13 4/5 seconds and also because Killilea, as Wilson's chief second, had touched his fallen man in the ring, thereby losing on a foul even if the first ten count didn't stand.

"Police protected Referee Gardner and crowds carried Downey to his dressing room. Time of fighting was 2 minutes 15 seconds."

The story of the fight, blow by blow and round by round, indicates that until the seventh it was a good and interesting battle.

Ferris kept a close count of the blows. In six rounds, he had Wilson landing 32 rights and 39 lefts, for a total of 71 punches.

Ferris saw Downey land 37 rights and 27 lefts, for a grand total of 64 punches. Punch for punch, there was little to choose between the champion and his challenger until the terminal round.

Then Downey gave Wilson a sound thrashing, and took a decisive lead in punches and effective maneuvers.

Downey, who is 64, retired from the ring in 1926. He had only one fight in 1924 and none in 1925.

Bryan got another shot at the middleweight title, meeting Greb in Pittsburgh on December 3, 1923. Harry got the nod in ten.

Wilson, three years Downey's senior, fought until October 1926. That he was through was hinted for Johnny on December 9, 1924, when he was knocked out by Tiger Flowers.

In 1925, Wilson had only one bout, a ten rounder in Boston, with Greb, who beat him.

The following year Wilson lost two decisions to Maxie Rosenbloom, and was prevailed upon to call it a career.

The truth of it is that Wilson contributed little to the classic techniques of the ring and the championship patterns of his class. That one Frankie Marlowe was Wilson's co-manager, with Killilea, hardly did anything for Johnny socially.

RING DETECTIVE'S SUMMATION SUPPORTS DOWNEY'S CASE

Now then, the summations for the prosecution and the defense.

From all accounts, the fight between Wilson and Downey was a daffy brawl in which, on the side of the champion, basic rules of the ring were violated.

. . On the evidence presented, Downey won the fight and the title. Why, then, did Downey fail to get the support of the fight experts in his own Ohio, and why did the New York Commission stand up for Wilson, Marlowe, Killilea and Co.?

That the evidence hits at Referee Gardner as having been remiss in his duty cannot be disputed. Gardner did not work with the official time keeper, who had Wilson down for 13 4/5 seconds, a long count if ever there was one.

The story of what happened lies before the reader. He finds Wilson insisting that he will not fight unless his imported referee is in the ring. He finds Johnny knocked out and Downey disqualified for a foul in which the reporter for the Cleveland Press, among many, did not see.

The Ring Detective invites the reader to make his own decision. Did, or did not, Johnny Wilson lose the middleweight title to Downey? Why did the Boxing Commission knuckle down to Marlowe and Killilea and allow Gardner to officiate, in violation of the Cleveland Boxing Commission.

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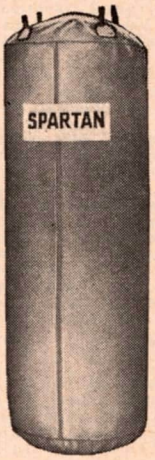

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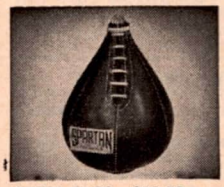

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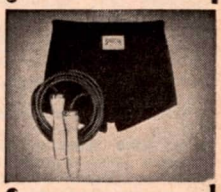

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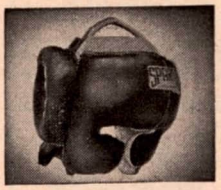

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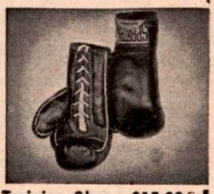

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IN LATIN AMERICA

LA LAGUNA AND THE MEXICAN PROVINCES

By Miguel Ramirez Aznar

ONLY TWO BOXING SHOWS were staged in this Cotton Territory during the month, and both in the Arena Olimpica" of Gomez Palacio, under the promotion of veterans Manuel "The Bear" Mateos and the Dipp Brothers. Here you have the results of those two shows.

▶ **SANTIAGO "CAIN" ROGERO,** started as a featherweight and he scaled the roped box at 125 pounds to knock out Abel Paredes, 122, in three rounds.

In the scheduled 10-round semifinal, young Jorge Gonzalez, 123, stopped Rudy Ramirez, 122, in the seventh heat. "Chilo" Gallegos, 119, bested Luis Ramirez, 119, in six. Eulogio Martinez, 132, kayoed Guillermo "Memin" Rangel, 132, in the sixth round. Juan Jasso, 117, bested Eusebio "Chebo" Salazar, 119, in four.

▶ **THE NATIONAL LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION, Alfredo "AL" Urbina,** 134, easily handled young Carlos "Calucas" Rios, 135, and he finally kayoed the boy in the fifth round with a terrific left hook that destroyed Rios' midsection. My good friend Jose Luis "Coneja" Lopez, manager of the Champ, certainly can be proud of his boy. In my opinion, Urbina is, pound by pound, the best lightweight of Mexico and I'm including in the list such names as Mauro Vazquez, Battling Torres and Bernabe "Babe" Vazquez.

Miguel Orona, 133, the clever kid from Ciudad Lerdo, scored a clean cut ten round decision over newcomer Vicente Nuno, 136. Sensational Javier Zatarain, 126, put to sleep Lalo Moreno, 127, in the fifth heat. Jesus Segovia, 119, outpointed Trini Astorga, 118, in six. Jose Valenzuela, 114, decisioned Memo Arredon, 117, in the 4-round preliminar bout.

▶ **MANTE.**—Manuel Solis, 121, kayoed Gerardo Cepeda, 125, in seven rounds. "Zurdo" Torres, 118, stopped Johnny Sanchez, 120, in the sixth.

▶ **DELICIAS.**—Jesus M. Baeza, 120, iced Baby Carmona, 110, in the fourth round. Well, it was a real handicap don't you think so?

▶ **NUEVA ROSITA.**—Juan "Azabache" Hernandez, 127, outscored "Indio" Ramos, 125, after ten rounds. Teo Sandoval, 125, bested "Ventarron" Hernandez, 127, in the other tenner.

▶ **MATAMOROS.**—Jesus "Chuy" Rodriguez Espinosa, 114, nailed "Chaparro" DeLeon, 113, with a right cross that was enough to send the Midget to the Kayo Paradise in the fifth round.

▶ **MANTE.**—Kid Terrazas, 128, stopped Mario Vazquez, 127, in eight rounds. "Negro" Martinez, 130, also kayoed Joe Barcenas, 131, in three heats.

▶ **NUEVA ROSITA.**—Carlos Macias, 145, knocked out such "Punos de Oro" (Golden Fists), 144, in only four rounds. "Chato" Sanchez, 125, stopped "Albanil" Cabrera, 126, also in the fourth heat.

▶ **OBREGON.**—Antonio Gutierrez, 135, kayoed Jimmy Scanlon, 134, in the fourth round. The defeated one, used to fight under several names as Bobby Scanlon, Young Harry Wills, Kid Chocolate and Andrew Goosby. So, please take note for the records. In the 10-round semifinal, Esteban Ruiz, 149, decisioned Texas Hurtado, 148.

▶ **SAN LUIS POTOSI.**—Jose Salas, 116, outpointed Rolando Martinez, 114, in ten fast rounds. "Cuino" Gonzales, 133, got the duke over Antonio Sanchez, 135, in other tenner. Marcelino Diaz, 117, decisioned Jesus Luna, 118, in eight rounds.

▶ **MONTERREY.**—Jorge "Zurdo" Salazar, 117, the clever Durango southpaw, embalmed Juan Sanchez, 119, in the sixth round. Ernesto Villarreal, 126, kayoed Beto Liceaga, 125, also in six.

▶ **PARRAL.**—The King is death! Salvador Vera, 140, a real no-one in big boxing, put to sleep famous Alfredo "Al" Nevarez, 136, in the eighth round. As we all know, Nevarez used to be the greatest card in Manual Anza's stable.

▶ **TIJUANA.**—Davey Moore, 129, Featherweight Champion of the world, had to work hard to score a 10-round decision over young Ramon Perez "Kid Iranuato", 126. Arturo Vingochea, 120, kayoed Carmelo Diaz, 121, in the eighth round. "Pulga" Serrano, 120, bested "Ruso" Rodriguez, 124, in other tener of the card.

▶ **LEON.**—Marcelo Gonzalez, 124, kayoed Beto Rodriguez, 126, in the fifth round.

▶ **MANTE.**—Manuel Solis, 125, stopped Manny Lasso, 124, in the very first round. Cesar Molina, 125, and Kid Fierritos, 123, drew after eight furious heats.

Joe Becerra, world bantamweight champion, who has announced his retirement following the Sanchez fight. It is doubtful if he will stick to his word, although he may give up his title to fight as a featherweight.

▶ **JUAREZ.**—We are closing the month report with the Big Upset of the year. Yes sir! Eloy Sanchez, 123, Mexico City bantamweight, demolished Jose Becerra, 125, Bantam Champion of the whole world. Eloy floored the Chap three times and he finally knocked him out in the eighth round.

In the scheduled 10-round semifinal, Guillermo "Memo" Ayon, 154, stopped fatso Agustin "Chilango" Rosales, 155, in six rounds.

Around 20,000 fans packing the Juarez's Bullfight Plaza to see the finish of all the dreams of a clean, honest and gallant Mexican Champion.

▶ **GUAMUCHIL.**—Beto Gerardo, 148, stopped Manny Ortega, 147, in the seventh. Marcos Rubio, 146, kayoed "Raton" Perez, 147, in five rounds.

▶ **HERMOSILLO.**—Everardo Armenta, 150, the Sonora State big hitter, put to sleep Enrique Arreola, 153, in only four rounds.

▶ **NOGALES.**—Don Jordan, 147, former Welter King of the whole world, had an easy one when he kayoed veteran Jess Bogart, 150, in the very first round of their scheduled tenner. Tony Perez, 129, upset famous Kid Anahuac, 128, in ten rounds. David Cervantes, 146, kayoed Al Mendoza, 150, in seven heats.

▶ **GUADAIAJARA.**—Rip Randall, 135, Texas, scored a real good triumph when he decisioned tough, rough and cute Angel Guerrero, 132, after ten bloody rounds. Zonzalo Galan, 117, bested Chatito" Ochoa, 119, in the 10-round semifinal.

▶ **MONTERREY.**—Orlando Zulueta, 137, Cuba, resulted too much experience for young Hilario Morales, 135, and so the former high ranked Cuban man scored a very split ten round decision. Carlos Hernandez, 118, the little Frontier Warrior, decisioned "Torito" Moto, 117, in other 10-round match.

▶ **NOGALES.**—Here you have that Wild Indian fighting again! Yes sir, the ballyhooed kid of Arturo Hernandez, went to the border and he scored a clean cut decision over Manny Elias, 121, Phoenix, Arizona, in ten rounds. Of course, the victor's name is Senor Jose "Toluco" Lopez, former National Bantam Champ and the permanent "shadow" of Jose Becerra.

▶ **VILLAHERMOSA.**—Patricio Petatan, 119, decisioned Fili Ascencio, 123, in ten rounds. Roman Jimenez, 124, bested Leonardo Zapata, 123, also after ten heats.

▶ **PUEBLA.**—Daniel Fernandez, 119, stopped Gallito Segundo, 118, in only three rounds.

▶ **LEON.**—Jose Tecuejo, 118, bested Alberto Martinez, 124, in ten rounds.

▶ **MANTE.**—Gerardo Cepeda, 123, stopped Porfirio Perez, 124, in six rounds. Chato de la Cruz, 121, outpointed "Chino" Munoz, 118, in ten.

▶ **TAMPICO.**—Jose Becerra, 124, Bantamweight Champion of the World, had another easy one when he used only four rounds to knock out veteran Chuy Rodriguez, 120. Rest of the card: Raul Barcelo, 121, bested Gustavo Sosa, 119, in ten; Arcadio Medina, 118, stopped Mundo Perez, 118, in the third round.

▶ **DURANGO.**—Ignacio "TunTun" Torres, 119, decisioned Panchito Hernandez, 118, in ten. Luis Hernandez, 118, stopped Chatito Garcia, 117, in the sixth round.

▶ **JUAREZ.**—Rudy Sawyer, 156, New York, kayoed Armando Muniz, 155, in six rounds. Rodolfo "Chivo" Diaz, 145, kayoed Pete Holguin, 143, in the second heat. Gustavo Ohm, 126, decisioned Ramon Rodriguez, 129, in six rounds.

▶ **GUADALAJARA.**—Alberto Martinez, 125, bested Bobby Bell, 126, after ten well fought rounds. "Chico" Rodriguez, 130, decisioned "Charro" Benavides, 134, in the 10-round semi.

▶ **MONTERREY.**—Victor Manual Rodriguez, 120, kayoed Roberto Lopez, 119, in the seventh. Ernesto Villarreal, 124, bested "Ardilla" Garcia, 123, in ten rounds.

▶ **ACAPULCO.**—Ruben Cadena, 133, decisioned Tony Lopez, 134, in ten rounds. Clemente "Charrito" Gomez, 118, kayoed Negrito de la Torre, 117, in the second heat.

▶ **CORDOBA.**—Fidel Alfaro, 114, kayoed 'Pajeyyero" Velazquez, 120, in the sixth round.

▶ **GUAMACHIL.**—Beto Gerardo, 146, kayoed Julio Kid" Ramos, 140, in seven rounds. "Chamaco" Jimenez, 128 stopped Chale Ramirez, 127, in the eighth heat.

▶ **OAXACA.**—Efren Jiminez, 125, upset veteran Luis "Queretaro" Trejo, 127, in ten.

▶ **TIJUANA.**—Eduardo "Lalo" Guerrero, 118, the skinny little hitter from Mexico City, scored a 4-round kayo triumph over Ward Yee, 120. Yee suffered a broken jaw.

▶ **MOCHIS.**—Ramon "Bobby" Cervantes, 134, kayoed Mar Castellanos, 133, in the seventh round.

▶ **VILIAHERMOSA.**—Mario Diaz, 126, easily whipped Jesus Perez, better known as "Mano Negra" "Black Hand" in English . . . wow!), 128, in ten rounds.

▶ **VICTORIA.**—Manuel Solis, 125, defeated veteran Felix "Firpito" Gaytan, 124, in ten. Jorge Laredo, 123, stopped Chale Ramirez, 124, in the eighth round.

▶ **LEON.**—Serafin Castro, 123, won by disqualification over "Venadito" Moran, 122, in the seventh heat. Battling Kid, 129, outscored ChuChu Garcia, 126, in ten.

▶ **DURANGO.**—Marcelo Vargas, 147, put to sleep Paco Castro, 149, in only four rounds. Augustin "Diablito" Campos, 120, stopped Ray Zamora, 124, also in four heats.

▶ **GUADALAJARA.**—Rudy Coronado, 126, hard hitter veteran, resulted too rough for young Moi Torres, 125, and he finished the youngster in the fourth round of their scheduled tenner. Jesus Celes, 136, bested Juan Prieto, 133, in the 10-round semifinal.

▶ **MONTERREY.**—Sanitago Ramirez, 135, Cuba, got a very split and very booed 10-round duke over local Champion Jesus "Chucho" Mejia, 134.

▶ **ACAPULCO.**—"Chivete" Martinez, 114, had a technical 8-round draw with Felix Padilla, 112, because a mutual butt. The match was staged for the vacant Flyweight Championship of Guerrero State. So, the title is still vacant till a next future. Roberto SanMartin, 122, kayoed Rolando Martinez, 119, in the third round.

▶ **OAXACA.**—Jesus "Chucho" Saucedo, 120, former Golden Gloves Champion, started as a pro with a 6-round kayo triumph over Salvador Hernandez, 122. Saucedo is under the management of Adolfo "Negro" Perez, the man who "produced" such names as Raton Marcias and Juanito Ramirez. In the scheduled 10-round semifinal, Jorge Aguilar, 124, iced Jorge "Baby" Gonzalez, 125, in the seventh heat.

▶ **GUAMUCHIL.**—Marcos Rubio, 146, stopped Alejandro "Raton" Perez, 147, in only three rounds. David "Baby" Aguilar, 128, also kayoed, and also in three heats. "Negro" Felix, 127.

▶ **VILLAHERMOSA.**—"Cubanito" Gonzalez, 125, defeated Delfino Martinez 123, in ten rounds. Manuel Gallegos, 120, bested Acorazado Tabasqueno (Tabasco Battleship, oh boy!) 123, in the 8-round semifinal.

▶ **VICTORIA.**—Arturo Vazquez, 117, decisioned Jose Ramirez, 118, in ten rounds. Roberto Araiza, 120, stopped Armando Salas, 124, in the fourth heat.

▶ **TUXTLA GUTIERREZ.**—Carlos Olivares, 118, veteran warrior of Southern Mexico, scored a real good one when he easily whipped Nacho Escalante, 116, National Flyweight Champion, in ten fast rounds.

▶ **GUADALAJARA.**—Pancho Macias, 126, bested Bobby Bell, 127, in ten rounds. The fans booed the verdict.

▶ **OAXACA.**—Luis "Queretaro" Trejo, 128, stopped Roberto "Cucaracho" Landa, 125, in the seventh round.

▶ **NUEVO LAREDO.**—Fernando Gomez, 125, got a 10-round unanimous decision over super veteran Otilio "Zurdo" Galvan, 127.

▶ **ACAPULCO.**—Adolfo Olguin, 135, Lightweight Champion of Hidalgo State, bested Alex Arenas, 136, Guerrero State Lightweight King.

▶ **OBREGON.**—Another surprise. Antonio "Tony" Gutierrez, 136, scored a clean cut decision over Lauro Salas, 132, former Lightweight Champ of the world.

▶ **MATAMOROS.**—Bernabe "Babe" Vazquez, 136, decisioned Leo Agbulos, 138, Philippines, after ten slow rounds. In the 10-round semifinal, the fans got another big one when young Carlos Hernandez, 118, merrily whipped Nacho Escalante, 117, during the full route to score his most valuable triumph of his career.

RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY

By Selsso Tiborro

Paul Armstead, Gaspar "Indian" Ortega, a Mexican made in the United States, and Gil Cadilli, were imported in to meet local talent. None of them entirely satisfied the customers.

All results were as follows:

▶ Jorge Gutierrez, 134, stopped Manuel Jimenez, 133, in 7. Isidro Morales, 118, decisioned Mosco Vargas, 117, in 8. Tiburcio

Vega, 126, decisioned Francisco Flores, 125, in 6. Chabelo Mejia, 112, decisioned Taxquenito Sotelo, 111, in 6.

▶Al Urbina, 135, national lightweight champ, decisioned Paul Armstead, 135, in 10. It was a lousy fight with Armstead using all sorts of tricks, mainly on the defensive plan and Urbina trying unsuccessfully to decipher his enemy's style. Enrique Camarena, 135, stopped Juan Leyva, 134, in 8. Mario Medrano, 130, stopped Roman Nava, 134, in 4. Miguel Valdez, 126, decisioned Paz Dominguez, 125, in 6. Pato Carbajal, 118, decisioned Juan Molina, 117, in 4.

▶Guillermo Tellez, 118, decisioned Monito Luna, 117, in 10. Cordoba Rodriguez, 135, decisioned Chuy Zulueta, 134, in 8. Fidel Hernandez, 118, stopped Jose Luis Mendez, 118, in 2. Gaby Beltran, 112, decisioned Goyo Torres, 112, in 6.

▶Juanito Ramirez is the new featherweight champ of Mexico. He defeated Fili Nava by points in twelve rounds. Raul "Pachuco" Reyes, 126, decisioned Chilo Barranco, 126, in 10. Salvador Camargo, 118, decisioned Felipe Silva, 117, in 6. Rafael Anaya, 118, stopped Cirilo Sanchez, 118, in 5. Beto Salas, 118, decisioned Arturo Vazquez, 117, in 4.

▶Antonio Sanchez, 133, and Cisco Martinez, 136, drew in 10. Miguel Paredes, 118, stopped Manuel Galvez, 118, in 7. Marceliano Diaz, 117, decisioned Joaquin Gonzalez, 118, in 6. Roman Rodriguez, 112, decisioned Victor Aguilar, 111, in 6. Luis Ramirez, 118, and Carlos Garcia, 118, drew in 4.

▶Tacuba Hernandez, 118, decisioned Juanito Ibares, 120, in 10. Beto Rodriguez, 126, decisioned Eduardo Duran, 125, in 8. Coyote Sarabia, 147, stopped Arthuro Macias, 146, in 5. Jorge Ceja, 126, decisioned Samuel Villanueva, 125, in 6. Alberto Campillo, 126, drew with Gato Aceituno, 125, in 4.

▶Torito Mota, 118, decisioned Chucho "Kid" Tello, 118, in 10. Mario Medrano, 138, stopped Gorilon Alvarez, 136, in 7. Angel Ley, 118, stopped Bernardo Perez, 118, in 2. Panchito Espinosa, 126, decisioned Javier Trejo, 125, in 6. Humberto Santos, 126, stopped Norberto Contreras, 125, in the fourth and last round.

▶Indian Ortega, 147, decisioned Enrique Esqueda, 147, in 10. Jose Luis Cruz, 134, stopped Gil Cadilli, 135, in 2. Sergio Gomez, 135, decisioned Hilario Espana, 134, in 10. Ray Zamora, 134, stopped Tino Rodriguez, 135, in 1. Pajaro Corona, 118, decisioned Carlos Aviles, 118, in 4.

▶Alberto Soto, 127, decisioned Manuel Jimenez, 126, in 10. Miguel Rojas, 127, decisioned Rosendo Martinez, 127, in 8. Patricio Petatan, 118, decisioned Fidel Hernandez, 117, in 6. German Garcia, 112, stopped Raul Huerta, 112, in 2. Salvador Garcia, 135, stopped Juan Sanchez, 134, in the fourth and last round.

CHILEAN BOXING REPORT

By *Tom Murray*

THREE CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHTS HIGHLIGHTED THE MONTH'S ACTION IN SANTIAGO as two titleholders retained their crown and an old champion once again gained a title.

In the first match featherweight kingpin Roberto Lobos turned back the bid of challenger Abelardo Sira in a spirited fight before over 8,000 fans that paid over $8,000 in American money. Lobos was too clever for his foe and won the unanimous decision after 12 rounds.

German Pardo, the flyweight champion and one of the top contenders in South America was too much for Julio Barrera and gained a unanimous verdict after 12 rounds of action.

In the final bout, former lightweight champion Andres Osorio, gained the welterweight title by outfighting Luis Nunez in 12 rounds. Andres held the lightweight crown five years ago.

BOXING IN ARGENTINA

By *Simon Bronenberg and Alfredo Porzio*

▶**CORDOBA**—In the light class, undefeated Tristan Falfan, outpointed Antonio Repollo in 10 rounds.

▶**ROSARIO**—At the "Norte" ring, welterweight Pedro Almagro won on points in 10 over Omar Peppi and undefeated featherweight Hugo Rambaldi, kayoed in second round Juan Gonzalez, Neira.

▶**BAHIA BLANCA**—In the lightweight division, Juan Carlos Junco, T.K.Oed Juan Becerra in 6.

▶**LANUS**—Luis Roldan, in the welter class, lost in 10 to Tito Vasquez.

▶**SANTA FE**—The new idol of this city, welterweight Jose Lomos, won by a T.K.O. in fourth over Antonio Cristoso and Cirilo Silva also TKOed Jose Colella in 4.

▶**BUENOS AIRES**—At "Luna Park" in the light division, Pedro Benolli lost in 10 rounds to "Nico" Loche.

▶**MAR DEL PLATA**—Ubaldo Sacco, middleweight, T.K.O.ed Juan Carlos Diaz in 5.

▶**ROSARIO**—At "Norte", Hector Olmos, lightweight, kayoed Antonio Nardiello in 4 and hard puncher Miguel Angel Aguero, kayoed Dario Martinez in the first.

▶**BUENOS AIRES**—At "Luna Park" Welterweight Roberto Chetta, outpointed Juan Carlos Veldarez in 10 rounds.

▶**BAHIA BLANCA**—The local lightweight champion Antonio Murano, outpointed Pedro Guevara over 10.

▶**CORDOBA**—Alfredo Paz, welter, T.K.O.ed Santiago Diaz in 5. Undefeated Osvaldo Piazza, welter, won on points over Pedro Quiroga.

▶**TUCUMAN**—Jose Eccli, a good prospect in the welter division, outpointed Alejandrino Rojas over 10 rounds and Ramon Paz lost in 10 with Ruben Arocha. (They are welters).

▶**ROSARIO**—In the lightheavyweight and at the "Norte" ring, Raul Mastro kayoed Angel Gregorutti in 3. In the "Sur" ring, lightweight Horacio Rivero kayoed Cirilo A. Silva in 7.

▶**TEMPERLEY**—Eduardo Zalazar, lightweight, lost to Juan Rolon in 10.

▶**SANTA ROSA**—A good prospect in the middle class, Hugo Danielle, outpointed Jose Caceres in a 10 round decision.

▶**LANUS**—In 8 rounds, Alberto Jabib and Mauro Acosta fought to a draw. They are welters.

▶**MENDOZA**—Argentine bantam champion Ernesto Miranda, outpointed Federico Ripoll in 10. (Non title bout).

▶**BUENOS AIRES**—Aldo Gamboa, the new Argentine featherweight champion outpointed in 12 rounds Alfredo Bunetta. The match was at the Luna Park ring. The bout was a very disputed fight, but Gamboa won the just decision.

▶**MAR DEL PLATA**—In the feather class, Roberto Palavecino won over Pablo Gonzalez in 10.

▶**TANDIL**—Sergio Vivanco, welter, kayoed Teddy Caruso in 2.

▶**BUENOS AIRES**—Featherweight Oscar Vargas, outpointed Victorio Cespedes in 10 and the lightweight, Antonio Repollo won over Rene Placido Diaz in 10 rounds. At the Luna Park ring.

▶**ROSARIO**—At "Norte". Undefeated featherweight Santos Simili, drew in 10 with Ernesto Martinsen.

▶**BAHIA BLANCA**—At the "Salon de los Deportes". Lightweight Rogelio Andre, kayoed Pedro I. Videla in 5.

▶**ROSARIO**—At the "Sur" ring. Welterweight Carlos Quintana drew in 10 with Jose Palacios and Arnaldo Villalba, lightweight, outpointed Raul Villalba in 8.

▶**CORDOBA**—In the lightheavy class, Alejandro Gallardo drew in 10 with Alfredo Yacanto.

▶**SANTA FE**—Jose Lemos, welter, kayoed Horacio Rivero in 2.

▶**SANTA ROSA**—In the feather division, Gerofildo Macedo drew in 10 with Ricardo Adasmo.

▶**BUENOS AIRES—At the "Luna Park" ring**, Argentine middle champion Farid Salim, outpointed in 10 rounds Andres Selpa, ex-Argentine and South American champion. (Non title bout).

▶**MAR DEL PLATA**—In the fly class, Giacomo Spano, of Italy, outpointed Roberto Olmedo in 10.

▶**BUENOS AIRES**—A good prospect in the flyweight class is Carlos Miranda, brother of the Argentine bantam champion, and ex-South American champ. Ernesto Miranda, outpointed Santiago Joseff, bantam champion of Rosario City in 10 rounds.

▶**BAHIA BLANCA**—Giacomo Spano, flyweight, outpointed Alberto Garcia in 10.

▶**CORDOBA**—Welterweight Alfredo Paz, outpointed Kid Roldan in 10 rounds.

▶**TUCUMAN**—In the welter class, Juan Carlos Velardez, drew in 10 with Mario Basualdo and Americo Godey kayoed Eber Aguero in 5. (They are lights).

▶**MENDOZA**—At the "Pacifico" ring, Featherweight Lucas Roberto won the decision in 10 rounds over Roberto Rebollo from Uruguay.

▶**BUENOS AIRES—At the "Luna Park" ring**, Lightweight Pedro Benelli, outpointed Osvaldo Caneto in 10.

▶**BUENOS AIRES—At the "Luna Park" ring.** Welterweight Raul Ulleldin won a 10 round decision over Tufi Gomez and the same night, welterweights Ramon La Cruz won by disqualification over Mario Basualdo in 8.

▶**ROSARIO—At the "Norte" ring.** Undefeated featherweight Hugo Rambaldi won by a T.K.O. in fifth over Mario Bernal.

▶**CORDOBA**—In the lightweight class, Hugo Juarez drew in 10 rounds with Hector Arguello.

▶**BAHIA BLANCA**—In the lightweight class, Antonio Repollo won by points in 10 rounds over Antonio Murano.

▶**TANDIL**—Featherweight Adolfo Pondas drew in 10 rounds with Mario Bornal.

▶**BUENOS AIRES—At the "Luna Park" ring.** Argentine bantamweight champion ERNESTO MIRANDA, defended his title against Jose Smocca. Miranda won the decision in 12 rounds. Receipts: 220,175 pesos.

▶**BUENOS AIRES**—Lightheavyweights at the Luna Park ring; Argentine champion Rodolfo Diaz outpointed Jose Manzur in a non title bout over 10 rounds.

BOXING RESULTS FROM MONTEVIDEO

By *Mario Laplume*

PALACIO PENAROL—Federal Magarinos, Uruguay, drew with Alfredo Navarro, Argentina in 6. Ernesto Juarez, Argentina, decisioned Ramon Torena, Uruguay, in 8. Adan Pereyra, Uruguay, decisioned Hector Arguello, Argentina, in 10. Omar Peppi, Argentina, decisioned Amaro Millar, Uruguay, in 10. Gate Receipts: $4.232.50.

▶**Palacio Penarol**—Julio Mesias, Uruguary, kayoed Roberto Gallardo, Argentina, in 2. Ruben Villar outpointed Ramon Torena in 4. Julio Perez, Uruguay, kayoed Edgardo Badino, Argentina, in 2. Jupiter Mansilla, Uruguay, kayoed Alberto Garcia, Argentina, in 7. Gate Receipts: $5.605.50.

▶**Palacio Penarol**—Ruben Orrico, Uruguay, decisioned Heber Aguero, Argentina, in 6. Mario Suarez, Uruguay, decisioned Sixto Figueroa, Argentina, in 8. Roberto Rebollo, Uruguay, drew with Alvarestino de los Santos, Uruguay, in 8. Federico Thompson, Argentina, kayoed Jorge Peralta, Uruguay, in 5. Gate Receipts: $41.542.50.

▶**Palacio Penarol**—Julio Mesias, Uruguay, kayoed Roberto Carabajal, Argentina, in 2. Federal Magarinos, Uruguay, drew with Jorge Fonffani, Argentina, in 6. Ruben Villar, Uruguay, decisioned Eduardo Zalazar, Argentina, in 8. Adan Pereyra, Uruguay, drew with Amorindo Amicuzi, Argentina, in 10. Gate Receipts: $4,628.

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BOXING IN PANAMA
By Juan W. Copeland

PANAMA NATIONAL GYM, PANAMA CITY . . . Angel Robinson Garcia, 134½, Cuba, won a unanimous decision over Eloy Henry, 133¼, of Panama, in ten fast rounds. In the semi-final, fast rising Patrocino Allen, 127, stopped Jose Perez in 1.10 of the fifth round, flooring him twice. Serafin Garcia, 124, gained the nod over David Wright, 125½, and Modesto Loro, 129¼ won over Ignacio Benty, 134¼ in the fours.

▶ **Puerto Armuelles** . . . Manuel Barton, 137, the local idol defeated Fenley Hooker, 135, of Colon, after ten hectic rounds. Hector Hicks, National bantamweight champ, boxed a two round exhibition with Killer Solomon, the popular Jamaican boxer.

In three amateurs bouts of three rounds each the winners were Agustin Vargas; Gonzalo Guadamuz and Carlos Biggs.

▶ **Puerto Armuelles** . . . Killer Solomon, 121, Jamaica, scored a fourth round kayo over Costa Rican Featherweight king Mario Loaiza, 125. Solomon was too strong a hitter for his opponent. In three amateur bouts Costa Rico scored only one victory over Panama foes as Victor Munoz kayoed Gonzalo Guadamuz in 2rds. The Panama winners were Augustin Vargas and Azael Chanarria.

▶ **Panama National Gym, Panama City** . . . Eloy Henry, 134, won the unanimous verdict over Stanley Wilson, 132½, after ten fast rounds, that saw Wilson on the deck in the fifth stanza. Young Esteban Santamaria, 135, turned in his best fight to-date in going to a eight round draw with Fenley Hooker, 135. Clyde Thomas, 139¾, edged out Tomas Wilson, 134¾, and Manuel Moreno, 105½, and Carlos Cruz, 105¼, went to a draw in the fours.

▶ **Panama National Gym, Panama City** . . . In the first of two all-star tens; Patrocino Allen, 127, fought his way to a split decision over Vicente Worrell, 126½, while Rodolfo (Tito) Marshall, 128½, surprised by his quick finish of Jose Felix Gondola, 128½, whom he dropped twice and halted in 2:15 of the opening heat. Stanley Ray, 137½, kayoed Silvestre Wallace, 133¾, in the fourth and Ismael Laguna, 117½, stopped Antonio Morgan, 117¾, in the fourth.

▶ **Panama National Gym, Panama City** . . . National bantam champion Hector Hicks, 123, boxed his way to a one sided ten round verdict over Johnny Sarduy, 123½, Cuba. All three officials scored every round for the local idol.

Eligio Pontiles, 111¼, kayoed Constantino Diaz, 112½, in 2:50 of the eighth and final round. Serafin Garcia, 127½, bested Carlos Cantillo, 128, and Pedro Carvajal, 102½, defeated Jim Thousand, 108, in the fours.

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BOXING IN TRINIDAD PORT-OF-SPAIN
By George C Beckles

PROMOTER SAM BODIE AND MATCHMAKER GEORGE BECKLES gave fans the fight of the year at the New Boxing Stadium here in Trinidad when Kelvin (Fighting) Scott, 160, No. one middleweight of Trinidad, and Johnny Adams, idol of South Trinidad, 160, met. Scott battered Adams into submission to win by T.K.O. in the 7th round. Adams had both eyes cut to ribbons.

In the semi-final Levi Campbell, 147¾, lost by a split decision over 8 rounds to Sugar Boy Green. Stanley George, 146, won by T.K.O. in 2:46 of the 6th round of an eight-rounder over Ken Holder, 146. Will Boodoo, 117, outpointed Sixto Montano, 118, over 6 rounds.

▶ **Boxing in British Guiana.**—The main supporting bout between Young Joe Ralph and Rugged Mack ended in a fifth round no contest.

Clifford McDonald scored a T.K.O. over Ivor Delima in the 3rd round. Godfrey Alexander, 135, outpointed Leon Marshall, 135, over 4 rounds.

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BOXING IN NICARAGUA
By Gustav Kuper

In the city of Leon, in the historic old ruins of the Metropolitan Theatre, Carlos Bristela presented an interesting program. Toni Huerta, uncrowned Nicaraguan welter champ, won a unanimous decision over the Panamanian Leonard Johnson, in ten rounds of a fast-moving, and bloody bout. In the 10 round special bout, Domingo Castillo (Kid Choreja") drew with Ramon Torres ("Kid Choreja") drew with Ramon Torres writer, it seemed that Castillo had a large margin over the other, but the decision was "draw". In the 4 round opener, Mario Larios drew with Eduardo Rivas, both Nicaraguans.

▶ **In the Gimnasio Nacional of Managua,** promoted by Ofilio Lacayo h., in the 10 round main bout, Eduardo "Raton" Mojica knocked out the Mexican fly-weight, Eddie Luna (both 111) in the third round. In the second 10 rounder, Jose Leon Garcia, Nicaraguan, weighing 146, won the decision over Panamanian Leonard Johnson, 141. In the four round opening bout, Tony Lugo won the decision over John Cajina in the flyweight class.

▶ **In the Gimnasio Nacional of Managua,** promoted by Ofilio Lacaya h. the Nicaraguan light weight champ Julio Cesar Bianco, 138½, lost to Mexican Panchito Granados, 140, in a divided decision. In the second 10 rounder, Ramon Torres ("Kid Carazo"), 122½, fought Rafa Rojas, Costa Rican feather weight champ, 122½, but the bout was suspended because of rain. In the six round semi-final, Carlos Varela, 115, scored a 5 round T.K.O. over Alejandro Ortiz, 117½. Both boys Nicaraguan. In the 4 round opener, Angel Ortego, 120, won a unanimous devision over Gabry Estrada, also 120. Both Niciraguans.

▶ **In the Gimnasio Nacional of Managua,** promoted by Ofilio Lacayo h. Eddie Botello (Cuban) at 112½, won a 5 round K.O. in a scheduled 10 rounder, over the Costa Rican Lolo Mesen, 112. In the main bout, 10 rounds, Panchito Granados, Mexican, at 137½, won a divided decision over the Niciraguan lightweight champ Julio Cesar Bianco, who weighed 138 pounds. The 4 round opener was suspended after the first round, when Carlos Flores, Niciraguan at 119, was unable to continue after being butted by Luis Mora, Niciraguan also 119. As the scoring favored Flores, the bout was awarded to Flores as a T.K.O.

▶ **In the Gimnasio Nacional of Managua,** promoted by Ofilio Lacayo h., the welter-weight championship was finally decided. After having been for many years the uncrowned champ, Toni Huerta was given the chance to win the title. Henry is over 30 years now but is the best boxer in the country. He has decisions over Fererico Plummer, Kid Centella, Leonard Johnson, Irving Blue, Sidney Brown (Costa Rican welter champ), with whom he drew first and then knocked out in the rematch; and has a knock out over Horacio Otis. Matched at 12 rounds, Huerta weighed in at 141 and Jose Leon Garcia barely eased in at the 147 limit. Huerta was in terrible shape and just barely managed to eke out the decision over Garcia. In the second 10 rounder, Rafa Rojas, at 124, won the decision over Ramiro Lopez Galeano at the same weight. Rojas is Costa Rican and Lopez Galeano is Nicaraguan. In the six rounder, featherweight class, Kid Rayito won over Poncho Vanegas; and in the 4 round opener, John Cajina knocked out Gonzalo Valverde (all Nicaraguan).

▶ **In the Gimnasio Nacional of Managua,** promoted by Ofilio Lacayo h., Toni Huerta, Nicaraguan welterweight champ, 139½, won a T.K.O. over the Mexican welter Panchito Granados, 138½, in a fast moving 10 rounder. In the first round, Granados split Huertas' nose. At the end of the sixth round Huerta had Granados hanging on the ropes and out on his feet, but Granados was saved by the bell and recuperated in time to continue in the 7th round. A cut over Granados' right eye caused the ring physician to examine him at the beginning of the 10th round, but he allowed Granados to go out for the 10th. With a few seconds to go for the end of the round, the referee, Ferny Carpentier, stopped the fight to prevent more damage to Granados' eye. His decision to do so was soundly booed by the crowd, but this writer favors the decision.

In the second 10 rounder, Rafa Rojas, Costa Rican featherweight champ, won the decision over Eduardo "Baby" Juarez, Nicaraguan, at 123 and 124½ respectively. It was a dull fight to say the least. In the opening 10 rounder, Carlos Varela, 116½, won the divided decision over Domingo Castillo ("Kid Choreja"), 113. Both Nicaraguans.

BOXING IN EL SALVADOR
By Robert A. Burke

Showing the same form that carried him to victory over Kid Chorejas, Ray Balta, local bantam sensation took the measure of Costa Rican flyweight champ, Lolo Mesen in a hotly contested ten sponsored by Empresa Royal.

The local boy has now made it three in a row over much more experienced rivals. Balta tipped the scales at 116 to 114 for Mesen.

In the semi windup Simon Contreras 117, took a five round-nod from Rodolfo Chavez 116.

BAHAMAS BOXING NEWS
By Chris Malakius

NASSAU—Zeke Taylor, 170, Nassau light-heavyweight champion of the Bahamas, and Vogal "Bobo" Reckley, 165, Inagua, fought to dull ten-round draw at the Bahamas Boxing Stadium.

▶ **Nassau**—The Bahamas Boxing Enterprise presented another good show at the Oakes Field Sport Center. Vince Martinez, 149, one-time high ranking welterweight from Paterson, N. J., stopped Atlanta, Ga. club fighter Bobby Shaw, 150, in 2:45 of the fourth round of a scheduled ten-round bout. The fight of the night, Sugar Cliff, 144, Nassau, won a unanimous decision over Glen Holloway, 143, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., in 8. Cliff may become a hot-shot in time to come, he does everything well.

Sugar Boy Campbell, 134, Nassau, gave a good account of himself in his sixth pro start before losing to Andy Arel, 133, Miami, Fla., in an 8-rounder.

Al Taylor, 158, Mayaguana, made it two straight over kid Striker, 156, Trinidad, B. W. I., in 6. Garth Darville, 130, defeated Killer Junior, 130, in 4. Kid Cobra, 128, won over Tom Cavalier, 127, in 4.

BRAZILIAN BOXING
By Renato Pires

▶ **IBIRAPUERA STADIUM**—Oripes Dos Santos, one of the best lightweights of Brazil, won Jose Villalba by points in 10 rounds. Villalba is the lightweight champion of Paragua. He was dropped for a count of five in the sixth round.

In the semi-final bout, light heavyweights, Walter "Manteiga" Rodrigues, Brazil, and Bernardo Romero, Argentine, were both disclassified by the referee Curi, in the 3rd round. It was a bad fight, with many fouls.

Welterweights—Napoleao Gomes kayoed Hermano da Cruz in the 3rd round. Jaconias Amorim outpointed Juan Pizarro, Argentine, in 10 rounds.

▶ **RIO DE JANEIRO—TV-Rio Auditorium**—In a televised bout, Itamar Cavalcanti stopped Sabino Leonardo in the seventh round. Both are middleweights. Lightweights—Erotildes Silva decisioned Antonio Pereira da Silva in 6 rounds. Lightweights (amateurs)—Vital Lima and Joao Freitas drew in 3 rounds. Onesimo Gois and Jose Sousa drew in 3 rounds.

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MICHIGAN FISTIC FACTS
By Jack Waina

BUFFALO LIGHTWEIGHT STAN FITZGERALD CAME INTO TOWN HOPEFUL OF ADDING CHUCK TAYLOR, OF DETROIT, TO HIS ALREADY IMPRESSIVE RECORD in the ten round feature attraction at the Graystone Ballroom.

Going into the eighth round it appeared as if the visitor had sewed up the duke, except that Taylor put on a whirlwind finish that had all the fans standing on their feet shouting approval. Fitzgerald was staggering about the ring so badly that referee Johnny Weber wisely halted the contest with only twenty-five seconds remaining till the final bell. The victory was Taylor's second straight local knockout this summer and his fourth victory in his last five starts.

Middleweight John Powell, who benefits greatly from his unorthodox style, stopped promising but vastly inexperienced Thomas Payne in the fifth round. Powell mixes determination and a fair punch with his gangling style which confuses many of his opponents no end. Payne, a solid puncher and by far the classier fighter, became more confused as the fight progressed and can chalk this one up to inexperience. Both are Detroiters.

Harry Command, hard punching Indian middleweight, met a tartar in Fate Roberts, of Toledo, and punched out a crowd pleasing four round decision. Sonny (Big "D" Monster) Banks, Detroit heavyweight, made quick work of Ted Davis, of Cleveland, in the very first round, and Joe Nathan Washington, Detroit middleweight, defeated his fellow townsman Don Caper in the opening four.

▶Hammerin' Henry Hank, Jim Bowlin's sensational 160 pound KO artist, earned a well deserved four week vacation when he stopped Rudy Ellis at 2:30 of the very first round at Chicago via television as well.

Bowlin has received a sizeable offer for Hank to face Hank Casey again, this time on the Californian's own soil. But at the same time Hank is wanted for another TV shot in Chicago facing Jessie Smith. To date, the Detroiter has had three video features, winning all by knockout with Jesse Bowdry, Sixto Rodriquez and Ellis all being victims of the hammerin' fists of Hank.

▶Almost two years ago Detroiters Gene Gresham and Leory Jeffery met at the Graystone Ballroom in a bout for the Michigan state lightweight title, with the former being returned the victor. For their efforts the two battlers received less than $500. On a national television feature originating from Chicago, the pair were ironically rematched with Gresham winning again. However, in return for their work the boys received $8,000 plus, this time.

In making his first TV appearance, Gresham was slated to face champion Joe Brown in a non-title contest. When Brown was unable to fulfill the date, Doug Vaillant was rushed in as a late replacement. But Vaillant was ill and Jeffery stepped in to face his fellow townsman at the last minute.

The masterful Gresham had little trouble with Jeffery as he outboxed him at will. Leroy, who spotted Gresham a great advantage in reach and height, and pounds in weight at 130, just couldn't get inside of Gene's reach to score effectively or often enough to make a close contest out of the ten round encounter.

On the same show, King George Moore, Detroit heavyweight, ran his undefeated string to thirteen as he halted the veteran Chicago battler Johnny Gray in seven rounds.

▶**BEHIND THE HEADLINES** . . . Luther Burgess is ready to make a big move with his classy middleweight Ernest "Sonny" Hill, who has won twenty and lost only two and fought one draw. . . . Kenny Lane battling hard to get back into the lightweight picture after being forced to face mostly welters, scored an excellent victory over Cuba's Doug Vaillant at the Miami Beach Auditorium.

The fall season promises to be a busy one here with the Olympia Stadium, Max Handler's Enterprises, The Big "D", and Sid Goldberg of Toledo, all ready to give the game a shot in the arm with television beginning to fade out of the picture. . . . Yours truly is closely associated with the majority of the above mentioned clubs.

Detroit's promising heavyweight Sonny (Big "D" Monster) Banks made an unexpected television debut when Doug Jones stopped Bobo Olson in the sixth round of a nationally televised feature. Banks was rushed on to meet Chico Gardiner, whom he stopped at 1:06 of the fourth round for his fourth straight win. . . . C. W. Smith's welterweight, Irish Billy Collins, who has been making rapid strides out California way, was upset by Bobby Brown at Los Angeles in a tenner.

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LOUISVILLE BOXING NEWS
By Joe Martin

At the Armory in downtown Louisville, Jimmy Beecham, 158, of Miami, won a split 10-rounder from James Roberts, 160, of Louisville.

In an 8-rounder Willie Moran, 148, of Louisville, was outclassed by Henry White, 149, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and lost a unanimous decision.

Eddie Whitaker, 126, of Louisville, lost on a TKO in 4th round to Hilton Smith, 128, of Tampa, from a cut over the left eye. In the 1st round Whitaker had Smith down for the count of 8 but Eddie received a cut in 2nd round and in the 4th the referee stopped the fight.

LAS VEGAS NOTES
By Red Greb

Local boxers made appearances in out of town rings and the results are sad to relate.

Charles Marshall, Las Vegas featherweight, was ko'd in West Jordan, Utah, by young Don Adamson. Adamson a protege of Marv Jenson unleashed a two-fisted volley of blows to Marshall's jaw in the fifth chucker and the referee took care of the counting. Marshall scaled 121; Adamson 125. Another Las Vegan, Johnny Page met a little bit more than he could chew in the eight-round semi-final. Willie Ross, still another Jenson prospect, forced Johnny to retire in the sixth from rib injuries. They are welters.

▶Veteran Baby Moe Macias was treated cruelly by Young Mundo Esparza in a Juarez, Mexico ring. After suffering two knockdowns in the first and second rounds, Moe ran into a blazing right uppercut early in the third round and was counted out. The undefeated Esparza weighed 116 in posting his tenth win. Baby Moe scaled 115.

▶In Reno—Big Howard King avenged an old score by tacking a 10-round loss to the record of Tommy (Hurricane) Jackson. This was a give-and-take war right from the outset. King employed a sharp jab and left hook to pile up his winning margin. The relentless Jackson never could corner King to put on a sustained attack. Yet Jackson made it an interesting bout by scoring effectively in the middle rounds. Jackson used his famed "double-uppercut" to good advantage.

Charlie Goldman, Jackson's trainer, says King is one of the best heavyweights on the scene today. King weighed 203; Jackson weighed 205.

DOWN ARIZONA WAY
By Al Fenn

ON A PAAVO KETONEN PROMOTED CARD AT TUCSON, Don Jordan, 149½, former Worlds Champion, won a split decision over Julian Valdez, 149 pound Californian, in 10. Tony Montano, 160, Phoenix won a 10 rounder over Rudy Smith, 158, Phoenix on the same card. Bob Avery, 200, Tucson stopped Gene Walker, 190, in the first.

▶**AT PHOENIX GARDEN** another ex-champion became a winner in a 10-round main. Lauro Salas, 130, won a split decision over Chuck Flores, 129. It was Chuck's first pro loss. Luis (Nature Boy) Garduno, 148, Mesa, won the nod over Bob Mercer, 154, Los Angeles in 8. In four rounders, Amos Johnson, 183, Los Angeles, southpawed his way to a decision over Dave Furch, Phoenix 187 pounder. Eugene Bryant, 164, Tucson, outpointed Jimmy Tucker, 163, Phoenix.

▶**IN OTHER ACTION BY state standouts,** Willie Ross, the exciting welter, won his 7th pro fight via the KO route over John Page, 155, Las Vegas, at West Jordan, Utah, in the 6th. Manny Elias, the high ranking banty, lost a very unpopular decision to Tuluco Lopez, ranked by Ring, at Nogales.

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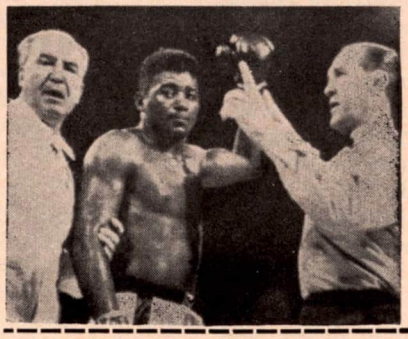

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Seen and Heard in new york

By JERSEY JONES

"I think," said our Ted Carroll, "you should have included Fred Fulton among the twelve most effective left-hookers boxing has known. Yes, I know there were many things wrong with Fulton as a fighter, but left-hooking was not one of them. I cannot find much fault with your Deadly Dozen selections, but I do think Fulton belonged somewhere in the lot. I doubt if I've ever seen a heavyweight with a more effective left hand."

One cannot argue too strenuously with Carroll on the subject of Fred Fulton's left hook. As Ted said, there were "many things wrong" with the lanky Kansas-born Minnesotan, but he did have a lethal portside fist, and it created considerable havoc in the heavyweight division during and for several years following the weird White Hope era.

It was Bill Shakespeare who observed that "The evil men do lives after them; the good is oft interred with their bones." So it was with Fred Fulton. Fred is remembered not for his many impressive triumphs, but for his few notable defeats. He was dubbed with all sorts of unflattering epithets, among them "Faint-Hearted Fred" and the "Plastered Plasterer."

Yet, until his quick and humiliating defeat by Jack Dempsey in the Newark International League baseball park at Harrison, N. J., Fulton was recognized as Champion Jess Willard's outstanding challenger, and by his sensational victory Dempsey qualified for his title-winning episode with Willard in Toledo a year later.

If ever a fighter was beaten before a fight started, Fulton was that Saturday afternoon of July 27, 1918. He was already in the ring when a scowling, unshaven, sun-bronzed Dempsey bounced through the ropes with the litheness of a panther. Jack sat on his stool with his back toward Fulton as the gloves were being laced on. Dempsey continued to ignore his rival as the fighters went out for pre-fight instructions from the referee. He kept his head down while he jittered restlessly, as though impatient for the fight to start and he could get at his victim.

Dempsey's antics had their psychological effect on Fulton. When the opening bell rang, Fred was a frightened individual. He walked uncertainly from his corner and pawed timidly with his long left. Then it happened, so quickly that the spectators were stunned. As Fulton jabbed feebly, Dempsey weaved under his arm, ripped a right to the body, hooked a left to the chin, and Fred began to topple. For good measure, Dempsey fired a right to the jaw as Fulton was falling, and that was that. As though paralyzed, Fulton was counted out sitting on the canvas. The official time of the affair was announced as 18⅕ seconds.

FULTON'S BETTER SIDE

Remembering Fulton for that humiliating defeat, and subsequent knockouts by Harry Wills, Billy Miske, Jack Renault, Tony Fuente and George Godfrey, authorities are inclined to overlook the many impressive performances accounted for by "Ferocious Freddie" during his long career, which began in 1913 and ended in 1932. Mike Collins of Minneapolis managed Fulton for most of those years, with Jack Reddy of St. Paul taking charge toward the finish.

Fulton, who stood 6 feet, 4½ inches, and scaled around 215 pounds, engaged in an even 100 bouts, and scored no less than 65 knockouts, mostly with his left hook. Old-timers here recall the quick demolishing job that left hook did on fast, clever Charley Weinert in old Madison Square Garden. They also recall what it did in other local appearances when Fulton wrecked promising Al Reich and massacred such seasoned campaigners as Porky Flynn and Tom Cowler.

Faint-hearted though the critics called him, Fulton never dodged any heavyweight—black or white; good, bad or indifferent, he met 'em all—and his outstanding achievement was to invade Boston in 1917 to meet, and beat, the dreaded Sam Langford.

True, Sam was getting along in years, but he was still dangerous, and very few white heavyweights were willing to take chances with him. Fulton not only did, but he gave the veteran such a frightful going-over with that left hand that Langford quit after the seventh round.

As Ted Carroll said, there may have been many things wrong with Fred Fulton as a fighter, but that left hook wasn't one of them. His was one of the best the ring has ever produced.

THE GARDEN AND TV

Trying to promote fight cards without TV revenue can be an expensive venture, as Madison Square Garden learned this past summer.

No official figures have been released, but it is estimated that the four shows staged in the Garden represented a loss of nearly $50,000, which doesn't include the weekly salaries and operating expenses in maintaining a large boxing staff for three months.

Now it'll be interesting to check developments with the Garden's new video contract. Saturday night has never been a particularly good night for boxing. There is too much in the way of weekend distractions and competition from other sports events.

Still, there will be one thing in favor of the new schedule. With the Chicago Stadium's Wednesday night fights going off the air, the Garden will have the weekly TV boxing field to itself, and that may help somewhat.

Incidentally, the Garden plans to keep most of its weekly dates here in New York, and shift them to the St. Nicholas Arena instead of shuffling them around to other cities when the Garden itself isn't available for boxing. In this way, the House That Tex Built will be able to recoup some of the financial losses it sustained during the last two years when it sponsored the St. Nick as a "farm" club.

THE GRIM PARADE CONTINUES

They never were champions, and their names mean little, if anything, to the current generation of fight fans,

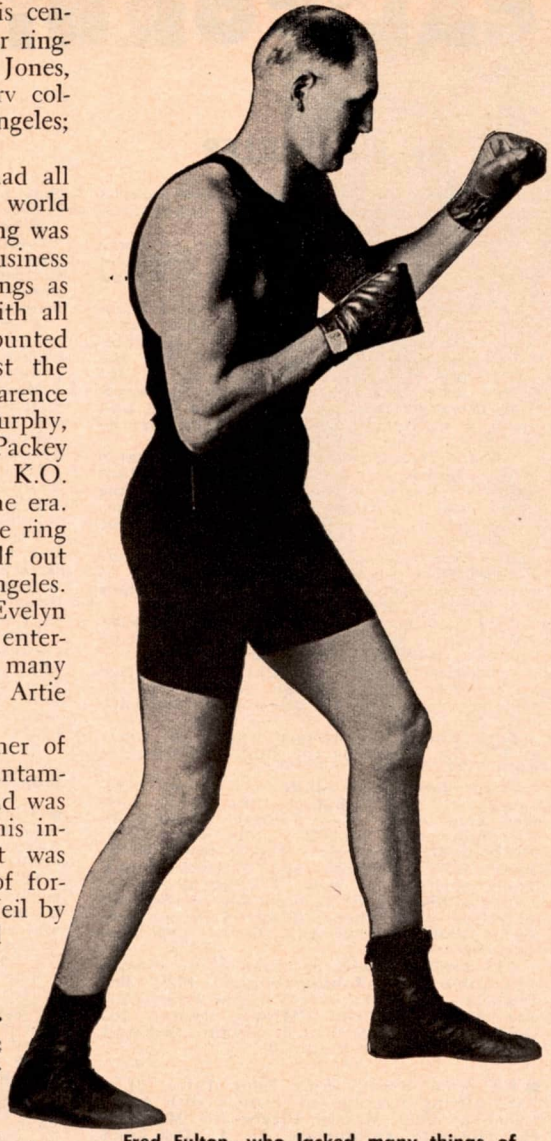
but during the early years of this century there were few more popular ringmen than Bert Keyes and Willie Jones, two recent items in the obituary columns. Keyes, 74, died in Los Angeles; Jones, 73, in Brooklyn.

Keyes, out of Philadelphia, had all the qualities and equipment of a world lightweight champion, but fighting was as much a frolic as it was a business to him. He refused to take things as seriously as he should have. With all his flippancy, however, he accounted for an impressive record against the likes of Young Corbett, Clarence Forbes, Harlem Tommy Murphy, Leach Cross, Matty Baldwin, Packey McFarland, Johnny Summers, K.O. Brown and other headliners of the era.

It was shortly after he quit the ring in 1912 that Keyes hied himself out to California and settled in Los Angeles. One of his survivors, a daughter, Evelyn Keyes, has been prominent in the entertainment world and as one of the many wives of oft-married band leader Artie Shaw.

Jones, a rugged little campaigner of Irish-Welsh stock, began as a bantamweight, ended as a lightweight and was credited with 325 bouts during his industrious span in the ring. It was Willie who finished the career of former bantam champion Frankie Neil by stopping him in the 13th round of a scheduled 15-rounder in Baltimore in 1910.

Some of the many other prominent opponents met by Jones were Charley Goldman, Johnny Dundee, Tommy Houck, Al Delmont, Abe Attell, Bryan Downey, Joe Shugrue, Eddie Wallace, Frankie Callahan, Johnny Griffiths and Benny Leonard. Willie certainly didn't believe in picking his opponents.



Fred Fulton, who lacked many things of being a champion, but a left hook was not one of them. The lanky Minnesotan had one of deadliest portside wallops in heavyweight history.

AROUND THE RING

Among the casualties of Hurricane "Donna" was the opening card of the St. Nicholas Arena's 1960-61 season. It had to be postponed.

When middleweight Dick Tiger and his wife, Abigail, return to their native Nigeria, they'll be toting along quite a tribe of Yankees with them. They now have three, all born in New York, the latest arrival, Victoria, coming along a year after the twins, Richard and Grace.

Correction: The Downing who died recently in Salt Lake City was not Jim, as originally reported, but Hardy K., also a former boxing-wrestling promoter, for whom Jack Dempsey, then calling himself "Kid Blackie", did some of his early fighting in 1915.

Eddie (Machine Gun) Thompson, Artie Curley's bustling St. Albans middleweight, accompanied Carlos Ortiz to Milan for the latter's affair with Duilio Loi, and appeared in one of the supporting bouts. He made quite an impression on the Italian citizenry by polishing off the veteran Italo Scortichini in three rounds.

Our sincere condolence to Johnny Dundee on the passing of his lovely wife, Lucille, 64. For twenty years she had operated the Lucille Gift Shoppe in Brick Church Plaza, East Orange.

ODDS AND ENDS

There is nothing wrong with boxing that a popular local attraction can't cure. In his last two starts in Montreal, heavyweight Robert Cleroux grossed $100,000 in receipts—a bit under $40,000 with Roy Harris and a bit above $60,000 with George Chuvalo.

For activity, or lack of it, the months of July, August and most of September were the dullest New York City has known since the Walker Law returned legalized boxing in 1920. Over a stretch of eleven weeks, the only fight cards staged were the four non-TV'd shows in Madison Square Garden.

THE month's results:

The third fight card of Madison Square Garden's non-TV'd summer schedule produced another artistic success and financial loser. With a world champion and a ranking challenger in the main event, and the semi-final offering an exciting newcomer with a big personal following, the show drew a disappointing attendance of less than 4,000 and gross receipts estimated at "about $10,000." At least twice that much was needed for an even break on the promotion.

The slim turnout was rewarded with a lively show, and a surprise in the top number. Denny Moyer, 152¾, Portland, Ore., came on from behind to edge out a split decision over welterweight champion Benny Paret, 151, Cuba, in a ten that started slowly, picked up speed as it progressed, and ended in a sizzling sockfest.

Moyer was too cautious and defensive in the early rounds and aggressive Paret had things pretty much his own way. In the fifth Denny began to display some initiative and discovered he could hit the Cuban with left jabs and straight rights. From then on the Oregon youngster made things decidedly unpleasant for the champion. If Moyer had packed any real power in his punches Paret would have been in serious trouble. The Cuban fought back furiously at times—he buckled Moyer's knees with a lusty right in the tenth—but he couldn't sustain his attacks and Denny usually out lasted him in the exciting exchanges.

Paret, relying largely on body punching, was warned several times for hitting low and was penalized the seventh round, which proved to be a decisive factor in the final scoring. That one round enabled Moyer to grab the decision on two official scorecards, Referee Al (What! Again?) Berl and Judge Tony Castellano tabbing for the Oregonian by close 5-4-1 margins. The other judge, Tony Rossi, felt that Moyer's strong finish hadn't quite overcome Paret's big early lead, and gave the champion a 5-4-1 edge.

The rapid rise of young Ronnie Cohen, 145¾, New Rochelle, was abruptly checked by more experienced Gale Kerwin, 147½, Canada, in the semi-final. Scheduled for ten, the rough, scrambling brawl ended at 2:06 of the second. After dropping Cohen twice in the first, Kerwin himself was down early in the second but got up to dump Ronnie thrice more before the lop-sided affair was halted. In preliminary fours, Frankie Olivera, 154, Long Island City, outpointed Lamar Hayes, 152½, Harlem; Tony Fortunato, 147½, Bronx, decisioned Johnny Parks, 143¼, Harlem, and Tito Velez, 150, Puerto Rico drew with Jimmy Lynn, 146¾, Newark, N. J.

▶ With the Olympic Games getting under way in Rome that afternoon, it was timely that Madison Square Garden's fourth and final offering of its summer non-TV'd program of fight cards should have been well splashed with internationalism. The three tens presented a Cuban, a Virgin Islander, a Canadian, a Dominican, a German and a Puerto Rican. Puerto Rico also was represented in one of the preliminary fours, along with a local entry and others from Georgia and Ohio. A surprisingly good turnout of 6,571 witnesses accounted for gross box-office business of $16,102. It wasn't enough to cover operating expenses but it did represent the best returns reported for the Garden's limited boxing schedule during July and August.

In the top spot, Emile Griffith, 149¼, transplanted Virgin Islander, operating out of the West Side, used his speed and snappy two-handed combinations to grab a decision from aggressive, left-hooking Florentino Fernandez, 149¾, Cuba, but he owed Referee Arthur Mercante an assist on his victory. Mercante heckled Fernandez constantly, and penalized the Cuban two of his best rounds —the second for alleged low punching and the fifth for holding and hitting.

In the semi-final, Canadian-born Jerry Luedee, 176, New Haven, was far too experienced for crude Bartolo Soni, 173, Dominican Republic, and the massacre was halted at 1:49 of the tenth, with Soni on the verge of collapse.

The American debut of Hans-Werner Wohlers, 158¼, Germany, ended in disaster. Up-and-coming Obdulio Nunez, 158¼, Puerto Rico, survived some rough moments in the early rounds to stop the Deutscher at 2:04 of the fifth.

In fours, Frank Sallee, 146½, Cleveland, outpointed Wallace Roberts, 148, Atlanta, Ga., and the metropolitan area's lone entry on the card, Les McFadden, 138, Glen Cove, L. I., stopped Johnny Colon, 138, Puerto Rico, at 1:51 of the second. McFadden had Colon down twice before the referee called a halt.

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By BILL MILLER

Eder Jofre, South American champion from Brazil, who made a thrilling U. S. debut with his come from behind kayo over Mexican champion Joe Medel in the tenth and final round. Jofre cemented his hold as the top bantamweight challenger.

(See Photo Next Page)

JOHN HALL of the MIRROR pays tribute to Georgie-Porgie Parnassus, the Silver Fox of boxing, who recently celebrated his third anniversary as Olympic matchmaker. He points out that Parnassus has staged nine world title bouts, twice broken the California gate receipts record, was the first person to stage a fight show in the L. A. Coliseum, and has imported ring stars from England, France, Italy, Germany, Cuba, Venezuela, Japan, Argentina and the Philippines.

And above all, Old Mayheeco, for it was our neighbor to the South which sent up such stars as Jose Becerra, Battling Torres, Mauro Vazquez, Pajarito Moreno and Raton Macias, among others.

Here are the top ten Parnassus fight gates:

Becerra-Halimi, Ortiz-Torres, Coliseum	$383,080
Basilio-Aragon, Wrigley Field	236,521
Bassey-Moreno, Wrigley	215,047
Macias-Halimi, Wrigley	209,348
Becerra-Halimi, Sports Arena	151,150
Moore-Bassey, Olympic	65,607
Moreno-Chestnut, Olympic	57,424
Moore-Moreno, Olympic	52,796
Moore-Anthony, Olympic	52,000
Bassey-Moore, Olympic	48,163

Cash customers at the Olympic Auditorium got a break when the "burned-out" scrap between Ricardo Gonzalez, 125½, Argentina, and Hank Aceves, 126, L. A., was added to the regular Tuesday night TV show between Boots Monroe, 127½, and Noel Humphreys, 127.

Gonzalez stopped Aceves in the 8th; Monroe knocked out Humphreys in the 4th. About 5,000 were on hand, most of them with rainchecks provided by the management when the Gonzalez-Aceves tiff was halted because of a fire.

In the six-round semi, Chu Chu Corona, 121, defeated Pablo Caripides, 121. The fours: Jimmy Fields, 135, decisioned Collier Cox, 133½; Roy Simon, 146½, decisioned Leo Gonzalez, 147; and Porter Gunn, 159, decisioned Angel Soto, 159.

▶ Felix (Pelon) Cervantes, 127½, rallied strongly in the closing rounds at the Olympic Auditorium to win a split decision over the veteran Ike Chestnut, 128½, New York, before a crowd of about 3,000.

Referee Frankie Van voted for Chestnut, 96–95; he was overruled by Judge Charley Randolph, 96–95 and Judge Dick Young, 98–94, both for Cervantes.

It was even-Stephen at the end of the 8th, and the Mexican lad was credited with an edge in the final two rounds—by those who voted for Cervantes, that is.

In the six-round semi, Tony Herrera, 125, survived a first-round knockdown to nab a split decision over Ed Edwards, 129. In another six, Beto Maldonado, 123, took a split verdict over Joey Mazon, 127. The fours: Kid Reyes, 138½, dec. Ralph Moore, 138.

▶ Joltin' John Smith, 155, top prelim prospect of 1959, became the middleweight champion of California by knocking out the veteran Al Williams at the Olympic Auditorium in the 9th round of a scheduled twelve. It was Smith's 13th straight win, his fourth main event; a splendid record for this brilliant youngster. Smith, 155½; Williams, 160.

In the six-round semi, Sergeant Bobby Brown, 145½, won a split decision over Angel Lopez, 148.

The fours: Jerry Pena, 138, dec. Jose Rodriguez, 134½; and Frank Bradbury, 144, TKO (2) over Freddie Young, 145½.

▶ It was considered a sharp upset when Flash Elorde of the Philippines, knocked out Harold Gomes in the 7th round, a few months ago, to win the world junior lightweight title. That was in Manila.

But an even sharper upset was in store in the rematch, this one in San Francisco, for Elorde knocked out Gomes in 1:20, Round 1.

The fight was only a few seconds old when Elorde dropped the Providence pride for a count of seven with a left to the chin. As Gomes arose Elorde rushed in "for the kill", like the writin' fellers put it. He scored with a left and right to the head, then measured his foe with a hard left and down went Gomes again, this time for the full count. Matt Zidich refereed.

What makes this all the more remarkable is that Elorde was never considered a lethal puncher. Early in his career he had some knockouts, but there wasn't the semblance of a knockout in his eight fights of 1959, three of which he lost.

From a financial standpoint, the fight was a flop. Only about 3,000 were on hand to witness the nationally televised affair. Their first fight, in Manila, attracted 26,000.

Each boy received $8,000 from the $25,000 TV revenue, plus 27½ percent each from the gate receipts. Nobody got rich.

Immediately after the fight Elorde hurled a challenge at Joe Brown, the lightweight champ, which is par for the course. Everyone is hurling challenges at Joe Brown.

Both Elorde and Gomes tipped the beam at 130, flat, which is the junior lightweight limit.

(This used to be quite a division. Oldtimers will recall that the first 130-lb. boss was none other than Johnny Dundee; he was followed by Jack Bernstein, Steve (Kid) Sullivan, Mike Ballerino, Tod Morgan, Benny Bass, Kid Chocolate and Frankie Klick. Then, perhaps for lack of colorful contention, the division died of anemia in the mid-Thirties. Since then: Tippy Larkin, 1946; Sandy Saddler, 1949, and Gomes, 1959 have held the title.)

The prelims: well, a night of knockouts, and quick ones. Johnny Seratto, 137½, San Francisco, KO (1) over Charlie Pyatt, 139, San Francisco; and Clarence James, 165, Oakland, flattend Floyd Ryan, Oakland, 163, Richmond, in Round 2.

▶ Up from Brazil came Eder Jofre, 24, a hard-hitting bantam, to score a 10th round knockout over Mexico City's Joe Medel at the Olympic Auditorium, L. A. On hand, about 5,000; gross gate, $9,450.

The fight was scheduled for twelve. The winner, it was announced, would meet Joe Becerra for the world title in mid-November, sharing honors with a lightweight title scrap between Joe Brown and Cisco Andrade.

(But the best laid plans of mice and men, like Bobby Burns says, gang aft agley. Less than two weeks after Jofre's triumph, Becerra was knocked out in Juarez by a lightly-held scrapper named Eloy Sanchez. Becerra announced his retirement immediately thereafter. So what's gonna be? My guess is that Becerra will change his mind—for he is still the world bantam champ, and he'd get himself a real nice piece of change in L. A. meeting Jofre.)

Jofre and Medel staged a savage brawl. The Brazilian, making his U. S. debut, is aggressive and colorful; hits hard with both mitts. This was his 23rd knockout in 36 pro starts, an imposing figure for a banty.

A smashing right cross, a few seconds before the end of Round 10, sent Medel to the canvas, and that's where he was at the count of 6, when the gong sounded. Medel's handlers refused to let him come out for the 11th.

All ring officials had Jofre in front at the end of Round 10.

In the six-round semi, Melchore Contreras, 129½, decisioned Jose Valdivis, 125½; the fours: Tommy Noel, 121¼, KO (4) over Sandy Garcia, 121½; and Johnny Glasgow, 127½, KO (1) over Jimmy Wright, 130½.

▶ Bill Fugazy, of Feature Sports, Inc., paid another visit to L. A. to discuss arrangements with the Coliseum Commission, on the third Patterson-Johansson fight which had been slated, tentatively, for November 1st. It now appears that it won't take place in 1960, and unless Fugazy gets a better rental deal from the Coliseum, it may not take place in L. A. in 1961.

When Fugazy applied for his promoter's license, he was led to believe that the rental of the huge arena would be $25,000, plus $7,000 for outside expenses. Then came word that the price was upped to $50,000, plus $7,000.

Whereupon the young promoter waxed wroth; pointed out that the Polo Grounds was rented for $25,000. He offered the Coliseum a guarantee of $25,000 against 5 percent of the gate: thus, if they grossed a million, the Coliseum would get its $50,000.

A compromise of $35,000 was suggested, with the Coliseum to retain concession rights, and Fugazy & Co. to get the programs.

Meanwhile, Time Marches On, and there's still no definine date set—and for that matter, no definite locale.

Pone Kingpetch, world flyweight champ, arrived from Thailand to train for his title tiff with Pascual Perez, Brazil, the ex-champ. They'll meet at the Olympic Auditorium, seats scaled at $15 top, and it will not be televised.

The 112-pound division, once very popular, has waned in favoritism hereabouts, though back in the summer of 1925, Fidel La Barba defeated Frankie Genaro in a so-called "world championship", following the death of Pancho Villa about six weeks earlier.

Some authorities—including Nat Fleischer—considered this an American flyweight title affair, but there were others who accepted it as a world championship because Genaro had decisioned Villa a couple of months before the dynamic little Filipino knocked out Jimmy Wilde to win world honors.

Anyway, Kingpetch and Perez, both foreigners, may revive interest in the tiny tads hereabouts.

▶ Jimmy Hornsby, Suey Welch's pride, 138, was favored at 3–1 over Oscar Ortegan of Texas, but he wasn't winning like a 3-1 choice—not until Round 6, that is.

It was in that round that Olympic Auditorium spectators saw Hornsby connect with a smashing right to the ribs of the Texan, and down went Ortegan, writhing in pain. Referee Mushy Callahan counted him out. The time: 2:22.

The right that wrecked Oscar cracked two of Ortegan's ribs.

There was something reminiscent about Hornsby's victory. Back in February, he faced Aissa Hashas, French Algerian stablemate of Alphonse Halimi—at that time, untied and undefeated in 16 starts. Hornsby had his hands full, but he got his opening in Round 8, when a single solid whack made hash out of Hashas and sent him to the showers.

Hornsby was the aggressor against Ortegan, but he was on the receiving end of some hard right hands. However, Jimmy came through with that rib-cracking finish and made Suey Welch a happy man.

In the semi-final, billed for six, Dean Bogany, 172½, stopped Carlton Lincoln, 171, in the fifth.

The four-rounders: Angel Soto, 158, decisioned Frank Salzburg, 160½; Ron Harris, 136, KO (4) over Jose Rodriguez, 135½; and Henry Hall, 146½, decisioned Roy Simon, 147.

▶ The N.B.A. middleweight title will be at stake at the Sports Arena, L. A., this month, when Gene Fullmer faces Sugar Ray Robinson in a 15-rounder. According to Matchmaker Parnassus, the seat scale will be $5 to $25, and there will be $100,000 in TV money.

Fullmer, the champ, is slated to get 40% of the gate, TV, radio and movie money; Robinson, 20%.

It was revealed that Norman Rothschild, Syracuse promoter, will share to some extent in the promotion. The "extent" has not yet been determined. Parnassus explained that Rothschild had the original contract for the defense by Fullmer.

There was lots of local interest in the Davey Moore-Kazuo Takayama title fight in Tokyo, for it was in L. A. that Moore annexed the featherweight crown.

The Springfield boy is popular here, and from all reports Davey gave the Japanese jolter a severe lacing—had him out on his feet in the 12th, and again in the 13th.

And down in Mexico, a boy named Joe Becerra must be kicking himself black and blue, for had he accepted a proferred match with Moore after his second kayo over Alphonse Halimi, early in 1960 they'd have drawn a tremendous gate. It was a match in which Becerra had everything to gain, little to lose: if Moore licked him, he would still have been the bantam champ. And had he triumphed over Davey, he'd have been Mexico's first double champ.

▶ Sugar Ray Robinson is still traveling with an entourage that includes a voice teacher, a dietician, a male secretary, trainer, sparmate, manager and—well, you name it. He's got it.

Arriving in L. A. for his fight with Gene Fullmer, Robinson was interviewed by scribes at the airport, and introduced his entourage to the gents of the press.

It consisted of George Gainsford, his "chief advisor"; Harry Wiley, his "No. 1 trainer"; Clyde Brewer, No. 2 trainer, also Ray's brother-in-law; Otis Woodward, sparring partner; June Clark, his secretary; Don Bristow, his nephew, and vice-president in charge of incoming mail; Miss Elizabeth Jenkins, dietician and cook; Slyvester Hoffler and Johnny Baylor, friends and traveling companions; August Sims, camp director; and Professor Jarahal, his voice coach.

Still due: George Jones, his masseur, and a few more spar-mates. These may be coming by wagon-train.

▶ Sgt. Bobby Brown, army ace, was 3–1 underdog against Irish Billy Collins, Detroit, at the Olympic Auditorium; the Sarge, however, knocked the dope for a loop by winning the unanimous verdict. Brown, 145; Collins, 145½.

Collins is a "stablemate", of the stake horse Hillsdale, owned by C. W. Smith of Detroit, who also manages Collins.

The Sarge got the range on his opponent in the 4th round and from there on held the upper hand, inflicting severe eye cuts and a varied assortment of bumps and bruises.

Referee Joey Olmos voted 97–94; Judge Frankie Van, 96–94, and Judge Russ Bradford, 97–93—all for Brown.

In the six-round semi, Mel Fulghan, 162, dec. Ed Hickman, 157. The fours: Cleve Graham, 179, dec. Rich McDowell, 174; Tommy Noel, 123, dec. Gino Hernandez, 124½; and Kid Reyes, 136; dec. Ralph Moore, 138.

▶ Sorry, indeed, to read that Jimmy Slattery had passed away at the age of 56. Brought back the memory of the time I first saw him in action at the Old Garden in October, 1924; with me at the time were Frank A. Churchill and Bill Duffy. Because Slattery was not yet 21, it was a six-rounder and he looked youthful, indeed against the rugged French Canadian, Ovila Chapdelaine, better known as Jack Delaney. That was the year Delaney whipped Tommy Loughran and knocked out Paul Berlenbach; in fact, his defeat at the hands of Slattery was the only setback suffered by Delaney in 1924.

NEW ORLEANS BOXING NEWS
By Ike Morales

LIKE IN MANY CENTERS WHERE BOXING HAS PROSPERED OVER THE YEARS, NEW ORLEANS IS TEMPORARILY STYMIED. But not for long, Promoters Lou Messina and Heard Ragas have hopes.

▶ During 1959, the Crescent City beat blossomed with the likes of Henry Hank, Holly Mims, Jesse Bowdry, Neal Rivers, Charley Joseph, Ralph Dupas and others of this calibre. And earlier this year, there were Hank Casey, the 'Frisco upsetter, Freddie Little, Hank and Ralph Dupas helping keep the ring sport buzzing.

As this issue was going to press, Promoter Messina was trying to bring together Dick Tiger, the flashy British Empire middleweight, and Hank Casey. The latter scored a startling upset when he outpointed Henry Hank here in early '60, only to drop a close 10-rounder in a return match.

Messina also was angling for a heavyweight fight featuring Hurricane Jackson, one time leading challenger who twice met Floyd Patterson—once in a title match—and King George. The latter, stablemate of Hank, is unbeaten in local competition. Cleveland Williams is another who was being considered by Messina for a fight with either the Hurricane or the King.

Promoter Messina contends the once-a-week TV fights will benefit promoters throughout the nation. The bi-weekly video fights did more to hurt the promoters than help, said Messina.

▶ Whitey Esneault has managed to keep his bread-winners active with fights in Australia. Ralph Dupas, winner of three fights "Down Under", was slated for another in Sydney against Charley Scott, the Philadelphian, who was outpointed by Ralph in their first Aussie get-to-gether.

Esneault's other campaigner, studious Freddie Little, jumped into the headlines with a kayo of Australian middleweight and light-heavy champion Clive Stewart in the fourth round at Sydney Stadium. It was the first kayo suffered by the Australian champion.

Little's kayo of Stewart was his 21st victory in 22 fights, 17 of which were scored by knockouts. Clippings from Sydney revealed that Little made an impressive showing and was being sought for a fight with Yama Bahama or some other top middleweight.

Jimmy Stevenson, who made the Aussie trip with Dupas and Little, said Charley Scott turned down a $3,000 guarantee to fight Little in Sydney.

While the fight game is temporarily on the rocks, wrestling has moved in with a big splash lately. Promoter Joe Gunther, now staging his shows in Municipal Auditorium, uncovered his biggest gate magnate in Dick the Bruiser, a rough, rugged and riotous ringster.

In his first two appearances in the auditorium, the Bruiser lured gates of $7200 and $7600—not bad for a sports town which seldom had taken the sport to heart. The gates between Dick the Bruiser and Wilbur Snyder, incidentally, topped previous toe-bending promotions with plenty to spare. Prior to the Bruiser brawls, biggest local mat show was held in the Coliseum many years ago when Strangler Lewis faced Mike Romano. The gate for that one was $6200.

▶ Pete Herman, former world's bantamweight champon, is up and about after a brief stay in the hospital . . . Local sport fans were shocked when Jim Murtagh passed away recently . . . A veteran wrestling promoter, Big Jim was a rabid fight fan and seldom passed up an opportunity to attend a boxing program . . . Young Dominick DeCarlo is still punching out victories.

Larry Armstead is making a remarkable comeback and appears to be headed for stardom once again.

Manager Cusimano is anxious to pit Larry with Paul Jorgenson, Gale Kerwyn or any other 135 pounder, confident that Armstead is ready for the better boys in his division.

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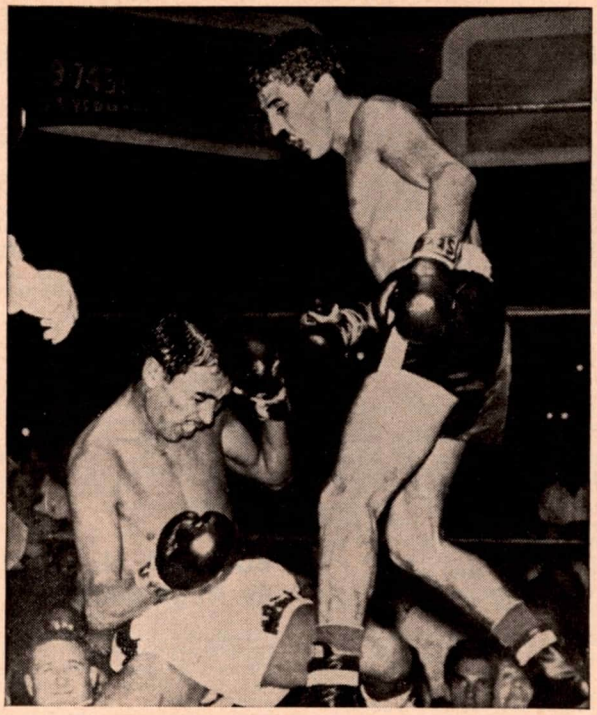

End of the line! Joe Medel sinks into dreamland in the closing moments of the tenth round. The bell saved him at six, but he did not continue the fight and Jofre leading bantamweight contender was awarded a ten round knockout.

LEFT HOOKS FROM SCRANTON AND VICINITY
By Kenneth (Duke) Stigner

Bringing their summer boxing season to a close, the Scranton Friends of Boxing, gave a charity show for the Scranton Lodge of Elks, for the Elks Christmas Fund, and provided one of the best amateur shows at Scranton Memorial Stadium. Henry (Sharkey) Ventre, president of the FOB, told your reporter that more than 4,500, including adults and a large number of children (guests) was present.

Of the 10 battles scheduled only three failed to go the distance.

Among the many pugilistic celebrities attending the affair were:

Rocky Marciano, retired, undefeated heavyweight champion; Sonny Liston, heavyweight challenger; Billy Soose, retired, middleweight champion; Joe Banovic, Johnny O'Brien, Joe Netro, manager of Carmen Basilio, Joe (Pep) Barone, Liston's manager, Joe Sweeney, James (Jim) Crowley, chairman of the Pennsylvania Boxing Commission.

Inspired, perhaps by the presence of some of boxing's top dignitaries, the boys went all out and gave a fine showing. Results were as follows: Billy Dolphin won by a KO over James Wetzel; Tommy Sheehan, a TKO over Tony Kletoka; Joseph Thompson, stopped Jake Millan; Ed Yakenchek, decisioned Wilson Canada; Johnny Gilmore, lost to Francis Lowry via a decision; Dave Farrell won from Bernard DeAngelo; Joseph McIntyre outpointed James Cherico; Richard Cucura got the nod over Chico Kline; and Leo Grango beat Tom Hirsh. The boys came from Pottstown, Old Forge, Wilkes-Barre, Pittstown and Scranton.

▶ Just one week following the FOB boxing show, the pros returned to the Anthracite regions. The promoter, Jim Riggo, using his Philly license took a financial bath. Joe Salci, Wilkes-Barre and Stefan Redl, a Tv performer, headlined the bill of seven bouts. Salci, out of Wilkes-Barre, fighting his first main-eventer, on my card took the second, fourth, fifth, seventh, ninth and tenth rounds. . . . By his showing he deserves a shot at some other name fighters and may be the answer to local promoters prayers, and the anthracite county's newest main-eventer (the first since Rocky Castellani's retirement).

Results of other contests: Jerry Thomasetti, Scranton heavyweight, making his first start as a pro, lost to James Wiley, Philly, via a TKO, caused by eye cuts. Charlie Branch was adjudged a winner by the technical knockout over Bobby Singleton in three heats; Arnold Demarizo, Little Falls, N. J., dropped the duke to Frank Taylor, 135, of Philly, in the only sixer that went the distance. Hayward Johnson, 160, Camden, N. J., also won by a TKO, stopping Dick Young, 160, Philly, in four; Paul Christie, Philly, TKO'd Herb Walker, Wilkes-Barre, in three. Charley Sgrille won over Bill Anderson.

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FROM THE PHILIPPINES
By Felipe J. C. Galang

IT IS STILL RAINY SEASON IN THE COUNTRY WITH CONSTANT TYPHOONS and continuous raining day and night had caused the rivers in Central Luzon to rise up to 15 feet deep. Those effected areas are the boxing centers of the country. The worst victim of this month flood is Calumpit, Bulacan, the birthplace of Young Aguinaldo (Pantaleon Manlapig) former boxer and wrestler of California, and Young Pelky (Lope Tenorio) the globe trotting Filipino boxer of the thirties. Aguinaldo was formerly the lightheavyweight wrestling champion of California, who drew with Man Mountain Dean and lost to Jim Londos for the later's heavyweight crown in San Francisco. Pelky, became the lightweight champion of Singapore before invading Australia and America and was the only Filipino to fight in all important boxing centers of the country, Mexico and Cuba. Calumpit was also the birthplace of Tirso Garcia, the first Filipino amateur boxer in 1910, first all around athlete in 1914 and first Boxing Commissioner in 1949.

▶Bert Somodio (Nursery Kid), 134, and lightweight champion of the Philippines, successfully defended his title by knocking out Fighting San Carlos, 135, in the 4th round of a scheduled 12 main event at the Besa Boxing Arena. In the early rounds, the southpaw challenger had been too cautious of the dynamite laden right fist of his rival and did most of the countering. They were fighting in even terms when Somodio's right landed to the jaw sending the challenger dead to the world. It was but one punch that ended the night for the challenger.

Angel Boy, 120, defeated Al Reyes, 116¾, in 10 rounds supporting main event. This proved to be a one-sided match with the Boy always on the top of his rival but failed to end the bout as stipulated. Reyes' heart was as big as his body that he absorbed all the punishment his rival could administer.

Veteran Rocky Montano, 137, drew with Kid Dencio, 141, in the special 4 rounds. Montano is on his comeback trail after six years out of circulation. Rush Junior, 116, drew with Ernie Paredes, 118, in 6. Steve Roberto, 117, halted Willy Lee, 115, in 2. Jessie Fernandez, 107, bested Leo Regaspe, 108, in 4. Pete Regala, 111, knocked out Flash Avelino, 110, in the 3rd round of the 4 round curtain raiser.

▶Baby Brown, 130, who recently arrived from ring invasion of America and Hawaii, met defeat at the hands of Arthur Persley, 135, over 10 rounds at the Besa Boxing Arena. Brown fought as a bantam while in America and had stuffed to be a lightweight. Within 4 round limit, he is the peer of the bantams and feathers here and abroad. He had acted as sparring partner of Davey Moore, Hogan Kid Bassey and Jose Becerra before their title fights. It was Persley night from the 1st to the 6th and again in the 9th and 10th. It was only the 7th and 8th that Brown had exhibited his former self when he closed the left eye of his rival.

Kid Pio Tatel, 119, halted Romeo Dundee Pineda, 118, in the 5th round. Tatel sent his opponent 5 times to the floor before the referee stopped the one-sided brawl. Sugar Cane Carreon, 120, bested Nai Chong Hai, 119, in the special 4 round bout. Danny Brown, 125, beat Bic Espanola, 124, in 6. Ramon Alba, 112, drew with Hermie Magbanua, 120, in another 6 rounder. Naven Kid, 112, outjabbed Little Brown, 111, in 6. Hallow Block Boy, 120, whipped Jim Posadas, 119, in 6 rounds. Carlitos Padilla, 109, defeated Baby Agata, 111, in 4 round curtain raiser.

BOXING NEWS FROM MONTREAL
By Wallace Brown

DELORMIER STADIUM—EDDY QUINN PROMOTER—Working with only three weeks rest, Bob Cleroux, Montreal's hope for world honors punched his way to a 12 round split decision over Toronto's George Chuvalo to gain the heavyweight championship of Canada.

The bruising fight witnessed by 13,014 screeming fans who dropped $62,800 in the till was the subject of considerable argument long after the decision was announced.

Everyone seemed to agree it was a close fight. Cleroux fast start won for him the earlier rounds, but seemed to tire bady as the fight wore on while the former champ paced himself well and seemed the stronger of the two in the later rounds.

There were no knockdowns in the contest. Cleroux who tipped the scales at 206 pounds as compared with Chuvalo's 210, was badly shaken up in the fourth after taking a terrific left hook to the head as referee Jersey Joe Walcott, former heavyweight champ, was breaking the two fighters apart.

The decision by the three judges based on the 5-point must system went this way. Johnny Gow had Chuvalo ahead 56-53, while Irving Phillips and Rene Ouimet saw it the other way, giving Cleroux a 56-52, 55-53 advantage.

In the semi-final bout scheduled for eight rounds, New York's classy middle, Billy Pickett, 158, kayoed the game but outclassed George Mercer, 167, New York. The time 52 sec. of the second round.

Tony Alongi, 192, Miami, Fla., Rocky Marciano's protege working on a string of 15 straight wins added Ritchie Norden, 216, of Stamford, Conn. to his list of victims as he had little difficulty in taking a unanimous six round decision.

After being dumped twice within seconds of the opening bell, Johnny Blount, 141, New York, was kayoed in 44 seconds by the sensational Joey Durelle, 148, Baie St. Anne, N. B.

Dave Shoulders, 199, Detroit, decked Julius Griffin, 208, Boston, no less than four times in winning the six round decision.

In the opener, Ronnie Porambo, 149, Elizabeth, N. J., outpointed Claude Labonte, 146, Montreal, in four.

BUFFALO, N. Y.
By Hugh Shannon

Buffalo's Jimmy Slattery, the great young light-heavyweight of the Roaring Twenties died on August 28 at the age of 56. Jimmy had been ailing for some years and passed away from a heart attack in a downtown hotel room where he lived. Slattery was a product of the old First Ward. His great battles with Young Stribling, Paul Berlanbach, Dave Shade, Lou Scozza and Jack Delaney were classics and Slattery won the world's light-heavyweight title on February 10, 1930 in a 15-round match with his fellow townsman, Lou Scozza. The fight broke all attendance records in Buffalo. The gate was $67,000.

Another retired boxer who passed away in late August was Joe Thomas, a star flyweight and bantamweight who did his fighting in the late 1920s and early '30s. Joe was 47.

Promoter Pedro Martinez has started his wrestling season for the 1960-61 season. About 3000 fans attended the opening show in Memorial auditorium. Martinez figures on running shows every Friday night. Pedro also expects to stage some boxing shows during the indoor season.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
By J. Jimmie Amann

NO BOXING PROGRAM ACTIVITY IN THIS SECTION. Roland C. Schwartz, local sportsman headed up a group which inaugurated Cincinnati's Boxing Hall of Fame. At a big turnout at the Swifton Shopping Center, Ezzard Charles, Freddie Miller and Wallace Smith, all former world champions from Cincinnati were nominated to the Hall.

Despite the fact that no programs are being held around this locality, it seems like the boxing fever is at a high pitch. There is no doubt that if Cincinnati, Dayton, Hamilton, Middletown and the other cities in southern Ohio would promote regularly, the attendance at each show would pick up.

▶**AROUND FOUNTAIN SQUARE WITH THE PUNCHERS AND THEIR PILOTS** . . . seen on a downtown corner in conversation Kayo Mars and Sammy Sandow, two of Cincinnati's great ring performers of yesteryear . . . rumor has it that Joe Anderson may be interested in a promotion in northern Kentucky come spring of 1961 . . . my weekly boxing letter service, ten dollars per year going better than ever . . . those interested can reach me at 6716 Palmetto St., Cincinnati 27, Ohio. . . . Cincinnati is expected to be one of the cities which will show the TV fights to be produced by Lon Viscusi of Houston, Texas during the indoor season.

"POOR FELLOW! THANK GOODNESS I'VE QUIT WORRYING ABOUT MY WEIGHT!"

MOORE BATTERS TAKAYAMA

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and once again stunned his foe with stiff body jolts that left his man gasping.

The twelfth was the biggest round of the fight for Moore as he had Kazuo battered and bleeding. A wicked left hook, right cross, one-two to the body and head sent Takayama lurching drunkedly across the ring, but he gamely hung in there to stave off a knockout.

As the thirteenth began Kazuo's left eye was badly bruised and almost shut but he bravely held off Davey until the closing moments when he was driven into the ropes and badly punished. Confusion was caused when the referee separated them at the bell with many present thinking the contest had been halted.

The last two rounds found Moore trying for the elusive knockout and Kazuo using every ounce of effort to stay on his feet. Battered and bloody he made it to the cheers of the crowd.

The vote of the officials was 74-62 by Wilson; 73-64 by Judge Tony Petronella and 73-66 by Judge Kuniharu Hayashi, all for the champion Moore.

Afterwards Moore praised Takayama for his showing, but said he had a lot to learn as he was easy to hit and telegraphed most of his punches. He also complained about Kazuo's use of his head saying, **"he did a lot of butting, I let him get away with it, because I am a foreigner, but he could not do it in America".**

"I would be willing to fight him again, but he would not do as well next time".

As for Takayama, he was happy that he had lasted the limit, and praised Moore as the best man he had ever fought. In his first International fight he had done himself proud.

WHAT NOW, N. B. A.?

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various member states of the N.B.A., New York, one of the main powers in boxing, has never joined the association, and because the Empire State has remained independent, boxing has had several periods during which recognition of conflicting world champions has produced all sorts of confusing situations.

Probably the most progressive move ever made in international boxing was the creation of the World Championship Committee, with the British Boxing Board of Control and the European Boxing Union joining forces with the New York State Athletic Commission and the N.B.A. Among them they controlled practically the entire boxing world, and much good could have resulted had the entente continued to function. But the N.B.A., puffed up with its own imagined importance, insisted on having the predominant role in the cast, and when it couldn't get it, it quit, like a petulant child, and the Committee eventually disbanded.

ONE GOOD FIGHT BEATS 100 PRONOUNCEMENTS

The Ring Magazine is tired of NBA threats that are vapid and empty and NBA pronouncements which cannot be lived up to for the good and welfare of boxing.

It is tired of personal exploitation efforts by NBA officials.

It is interested in the Cleveland report that Dave Ott is a quiet, thinking man who will not go off half right, or not right at all.

The Ring Magazine would be delighted to support the NBA and its new administration in policies designed to help boxing, and not to deter benefices.

Let NBA decisions be those of a board of responsible men in touch with boxing affairs, and not merely the fulminations of a publicity-hungry president, using his office for personal aggrandizement.

Above all, Mr. Ott, let us have consistency and the realization that ONE GOOD TITLE FIGHT WILL DO BOXING MORE GOOD THAN 100 SILLY ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Boxing does not need Federal help, Federal regulation, and government handouts.

It needs logical administration, a working realism in the face of conditions that govern all over the United States.

Boxing in the USA is not moribund. It needs guidance, not strangulation.

NAT FLEISCHER SAYS:

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To expect Floyd to show a form reversal in that bout, was without basis on evidence.

FLOYD'S EXHIBITION TOUR UNMATCHED

We are happy for Floyd and for the fight that he, the youngest ever to win the world heavyweight championship, recorded the never before accomplished feat of regaining the crown. He regained public confidence. He had lost it in the defeat by Ingemar.

It is foolish for Floyd to be taking it out on those who honestly and with good, firm reasoning, envisioned him a two time loser. Those who went all out picking Ingemar to win the Polo Grounds battle, undoubtedly will reverse their stand in the coming third fight.

In that one, and with proper merit, it will be Patterson who will go to the post a heavy favorite.

Floyd's exhibition tour in Sweden has been unmatched. Never before has a heavyweight champion received the plaudits of such large attendances. Floyd must be aware of the fact that among the thousands who paid homage to him in Sweden, the home of the man whom he had dethroned, the majority were as much awe-struck by the one-sided triumph over Johansson as were the Americans who picked Ingemar to repeat.

Now that Patterson is sitting pretty again, holding his head high as king of the boxing universe, his thoughts should be directed toward a successful defense of his crown rather than recriminations.

Patterson is a man of pride and dignity. He should remain that way. The goal he set out to reach has been attained.

Nobody wants to stop Patterson from his natural gloating. He performed a super-feat and we are proud of his achievement. But those who did not have the proper vision, were not actuated by venom. Neither should he be.

MATTER OF PERSONALITY

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greater stature than he experienced in his time as champion.

Discussing Patterson's mildness of manner, veteran newsman and old time lightweight George Barton drew some interesting comparisons between the current titleholder and Joe Gans, fabled lightweight champion of long ago and close friend of Mr. Barton's.

"Patterson reminds me greatly of Gans in personality although there is little similarity in their boxing styles. Like Joe he chooses his words carefully, is pleasantly modest, always proper, and a gentleman at all times. Gans was a retiring chap and the people loved him. Everywhere he went crowds would gather about him happy just to get a look at him."

Personable Archie Moore, besides having found the key to perennial youth also seems to have hit upon the ideal combination of "color" and correct decorum at the same time. While no modest violet, Archie is never out of line, and this has made him one of the most popular ringmen.

Patterson's astounding triumph abroad may signal that the time of the "Quiet Man" has arrived and the public is turning from the exhibitionists, popoffs, showboats and characters in favor of solid achievement and dignified deportment.

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NEWS OF THE BRITISH ISLES

By JOHNNY SHARPE

AL PAISLEY . . . Chic Calderwood, British and Empire Cruiserweight Champion, 180½, defeated Joey Armstrong, Ghana, 184, in the eighth, when referee Eugene Henderson intervened after Armstrong had received a badly cut eye. . . . Although Calderwood was a clear points winner at the time, he never showed the form that took him to the top of The Empire Ratings. He will have to be quite a lot better against Willie Pastrano who he meets at Peter Keenan's next promotion to be considered as a challenger for The Worlds Title.

In the early rounds Calderwood had things all his own way, although Armstrong bore in with his two arms flaying. The Scot seemed to be making a hard task of his job, and from the fourth when Armstrong received a badly cut eye, the latter showed signs of weakening. After Calderwood had connected with several rights to the head the referee intervened as stated.

The highlight of the show was the brilliant performance of the un-beaten Scottish flyweight champion Jackie Brown, Edinburgh, 115½, who gained a clear decision over Johnny Morrissey, Newarthill, 119, in eight. . . . The cleaner boxing and hitting of Brown over the aggressive Morrissey was the deciding factor in referee Jake Kilrain's decision. . . . John "Cowboy" McCormack, Glasgow, 161½, who held the British middleweight title for a short time, had no difficulty in defeating George Aldridge, Market Harborough, 158, in the ninth when referee George Smith stopped the bout in his favour when Aldridge seemed in no condition to defend himself. . . . Andy Barry, Glasgow, 156, outpointed Laurie Homer, Croydon, 156½, in six . . . . Johnny McGeough, Glasgow, 119, stopped Jim Cresswell, Clydebank, 121¾, in the second. . . . Jim Jordan, Belfast, 136½, outpointed Sammy Etioloja, Ghana, 138¼, in six.

▶ **LIVERPOOL** . . . Wally Swift, Nottingham, 147, British welterweight champion, outpointed a French southpaw, Assane Fakyh, 144, over ten very slow motion rounds. . . . George Biddles, manager of Swift had especially asked for "southpaw" opponents as he wanted his fighter to get used to them for his forth coming bout with "portsider" Brian Curvis, with both Empire & British titles at stake. . . . If the bout with Fakyh is any criterion, then it will be a foregone conclusion, for throughout the bout Swift was at a loss of how to handle a right foot forward boxer. . . . The referee called them together before the sixth started and asked for some action, as the paying customers were giving the old handclap and jeers. . . . Swift was deserving of the points win by his cleaner punching. . . . In contrast was the return bout between Tony Smith, Bootle, 142½, and Larry Baker, U.S.A., 144½, who supplied the fireworks that the fans cherish. . . . In their first bout Smith was knocked out for the first time in his boxing career, and it looked like the same result in the sixth when he was decked for eight from a right cross. . . . Smith gamely fought back to cheers from the crowd, and at the end of the scheduled ten he received a very narrow points verdict. . . . Dave Coventry, Liverpool, 137, received the full honors against Pat Aaron, Nigeria, 138, in eight interesting rounds. . . . Ray Shiel, St. Helens, 175, stopped Dennis Harman, Millwall, 168½, in the fourth when the referee stopped the bout after Harman had taken a count of "nine" and was wobbly on his feet. . . . Neil McAteer, Birkenhead, 161, defeated San Osanegi, Nigeria, in the second of a one-sided bout when the referee intervened. . . . Harry Scott, Bootle, 162, took less than two rounds to stop Tony Broadhead, Sheffield, 158. Right crosses to the jaw had the latter in trouble in which he was forced to take two counts of "eight" before the referee intervened. . . . Johnny Cooke, Bootle, 136, knocked out Johnny Bacon, Middlesborough, 136, in the first.

▶ **BELFAST** . . . Mike Callahan was very happy with his initial promotion in his open air show at Grosvenor Park. . . . A good crowd braved the weather to witness some hard fought battles. . . . Mick Leahy, Cork and Coventry, 148, showed good fighting qualities and improved form in outfighting Boswell St. Louis, Trinidad, 146, in a thrilling ten. . . . Leahy at the end of the eighth had a commanding lead on points, but he never let up on his aggressiveness until the last gong. . . . Both received a grand ovation from the crowd for the hectic scrap. . . . Jimmy Carson, Belfast, 126½, defeated Terry McManus, Belfast, 127, in the fourth when the latter was forced to retire with a badly cut eye. . . . Alex O'Neill, Belfast, 111, and Ray Fairbrother, Derby, 107½, both making their professional debuts, put up a good display before the referee stopped the bout after Fairbrother had taken two long counts during the third. . . . Jackie Butten, Carrickfergus, 120, with blood streaming from a cut eye, gained a good points win over Billy Elliott, Leicester, 129, in a thrilling six. . . . Shaun Leahy, Cork, 147, and Tony McCann, Belfast, 150, drew in six.

▶ Time awaits for no man, and the latest to pass over to "The Beyond" was that lovable character Pat O'Keefe, one of Great Britain's most popular champions, at the age of 77. . . . Pat won the welterweight title January 2, 1903, against Jack Kingsland, in three rounds. . . . On March 19, 1906, he won the middleweight title against Mike Crawley over 15 rounds at The National Sporting Club, defended it against Charlie Allum, at "The Club" a month later by a K.O. in 6. . . . He lost the title to that Welsh fighter Tom Thomas, after 15 rounds a month later in the same year. Eight years later, February 23, 1914 Pat defeated Harry Reeve at "The Club" over 20 rounds. Two months later defeated Nicol Simpson over 20 rounds. . . . One month later defeated Jim Sullivan over 20 rounds. . . . Pat lost his title to Bandsman Blake in 1916, on points in 20 rounds, but regained same with a K.O. against Blake in two rounds, within nine months to make The Lord Lonsdale Belt his own property. . . . I mention his record of championship bouts and dates to compare with the rare appearances of our present day champions. . . . "So long Smiling Pat".

▶ **ABERDARE** . . . It was good to see a big crowd at Theo Davies Open Air show for he certainly deserves a break with the weather after his previous rain sodden show. . . . Ron "Ponty" Davies, Llanbradach, gained the best win of his short career when he outpointed Frankie Jones, Plean, British flyweight champion, in 10 rounds at 114 pounds. . . . Ponty has lost none of his aggressiveness that has made him an attraction in Welsh Boxing, and it was this that gave him the edge over Jones, who met the fiery Welshman half way in a battle that was enjoyed by the large crowd. . . . Howard Winstone, Merthyr, 126, shared the top of the program with Sergio Milan, Italy, 126, in a scheduled ten, but six was sufficient, for referee Ike Powell after visiting the Italian's corner at the end of the round, advised the latter to call it a day. . . . Johnny Thomas, Cardiff, 120, punched too hard for Danny McNamee, Dundee, 118¼, and after the latter had taken several counts, referee Billy Jones wisely intervened in the fourth. . . . What looked like being an interesting bout, was marred by Terry Crimmins, Cardiff, 119½, who was ruled out during the third for a low delivery, and his opponent Don Weller, Battersea, 119½, was declared the winner. . . . Both boxers set off at a fast pace with hard punching, and before the end of the first, Crimmins was warned for a low blow by referee Adrian Morgan. . . . When The Welshman again transgressed the rules, he was sent back to his corner and Weller was declared the winner. . . . Don James, Merthyr, 113, outpointed Harry Adgie, Beeston, 114½, in an all action six. . . . Eddie Green, Caerphilly, 146½, was declared the winner over Joe Greer, Birmingham, 148½, when the latter was disqualified during the fifth.

▶ **BERLIN, GERMANY** . . . Three British boxers took the trip to Berlin to show their wares, and returned without a win. . . . John "Cowboy" McCormack, Glasgow, was outpointed by the European champion Gustav Scholz, in ten. . . . The Scot proved game but no match for the hard hitting German "southpaw". . . . Alex Buxton, Watford, former British cruiserweight champion, suffered a points defeat against Manfried Hass, Germany, in eight. . . . Kitione Lave, Tonga, now domiciled in Great Britain, was knocked out by Ulli Nitzchke, Germany, in the second of a heavyweight bout.

▶ **BAMBURY** . . . Percy Lewis, Trinidad and Oxford, Empire featherweight champion, was surprisingly held to a draw by "Bow Legged" Billy Calvert, Sheffield, over eight rounds at 128 pounds. . . . Watching with millions of others on T-V, I thought that the cleaner punching and cleverer boxing of Lewis in the earlier rounds would have earned him the decision, but referee Harry Gibbs must have taken into account that the strong finish in the last two rounds of the aggressive Sheffielder had earned him a share of the spoils. . . . Ken Fields, Hoxton, 127½, knocked out Andy Hickson, 127, Halifax, in the first of a featherweight bout. . . . Paul Eugene, 150½, Oxford, knocked out Ron Hammond, 148, Sheffield, in the fifth of welterweight bout. . . . Mickey Redmond, Bristol, 126, gained a narrow points win over Peter Delbridge, Cardiff, 127, in six rounds of a featherweight contest. . . . Tanos Lambriaides, Greece, 148, was too strong and aggressive for Eddie Phillips, Nigeria, 148, in six, the points decision was only a formality. . . . Paul Mensah, Ghana, 146, stopped Johnny Moona, Oxford, 138, in the fifth.

▶ **CARLISLE** . . . Ronnie Calvert, Sheffield, 127½, took 2:27 of the first round to stop John Smillie, Fauldhouse, 125. . . . Referee Tommy Watson, ex-British featherweight champion, seeing that the dour Scot was in no condition to defend himself after being hit with every punch in the book, wisely intervened to save him from further punishment. . . . Ronnie, younger brother of Billy "The Cowboy" Calvert, (who three days

BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

(To Sept. 24, 1960)

HEAVYWEIGHTS	CRUISERWEIGHTS	MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Henry Cooper (E)	Chic Calderwood (S)	Wilf Greaves (C)	Brian Curvis (W)
2. Dick Richardson (W)	Mike Holt (SA)	Dick Tiger (N)	George Barnes (A)
3. Brian London (E)	Johnny Halifihi (Tonga)	Terry Downes (E)	Joe N'Gidi (SA)
4. Joe Erskine (W)	Jack Whittaker (E)	Yama Bahama (B)	Willie Toweel (SA)
5. Robert Cleroux (C)	Ron Redrup (E)	Phil Edwards (W)	Gale Kerwin (C)
6. George Chuvalo (C)	Yolande Pompey (T)	John McCormack (S)	Mick Leahy (I)
7. Joe Bygraves (J)	Johnny Cole (E)	Clive Stewart (A)	Boswell St. Louis (T)
8. Moses Verasikete (F)	Sandy Luke (N)	Tuna Scanlon (NZ)	Wally Swift (E)
9. Jim Cooper (E)	Johnny Cunningham (E)	Somero Brennan (B)	Tony Smith (E)
10. Kitione Lave (Tonga)	Tony Dove (E)	Attu Clottey (G)	Albert Carroll (E)
LIGHTWEIGHTS	**FEATHERWEIGHTS**	**BANTAMWEIGHTS**	**FLYWEIGHTS**
1. Dave Charnley (E)	Percy Lewis (T)	Freddie Gilroy (I)	Johnny Caldwell (I)
2. Ludwig Lightburn (BH)	Rafiu King (N)	Billy Rafferty (S)	Jackie Brown (S)
3. J. van Rensburg (SA)	Floyd Robertson (G)	Johnny Jarrett (A)	Frank Jones (S)
4. George Bracken (A)	Johnny Kidd (S)	Johnny Morrissey (S)	Ron "Ponty" Davies (W)
5. Richie Howard (C)	Levy Madi (SA)	Roy Beaman (E)	George McDade (S)
6. Eddie Beattie (C)	Sexton Mabena (SA)	Dick White (A)	Derek Lloyd (E)
7. Billy Kelly (I)	Bobby Neill (S)	George Bowes (E)	Dennis Adams (SA)
8. Peter Heath (E)	Howard Winstone (W)	Alex Ambrose (S)	John Mtimkulu (SA)
9. Ron Hinson (E)	Wally Taylor (A)	Len Reece (W)	Freddie N'Gidi (SA)
10. Jackie Hayden (C)	Derry Treanor (E)	Peter Lavery (I)	Pancho Bhatachaji (India)

LEGEND—(A) Australia; (B) Bahamas; (BG) British Guiana; (C) Canada; (E) England; (F) Fiji Islands; (G) Ghana; (IN) India; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (NZ) New Zealand; (S) Scotland; (SA) South America; (T) Trinidad; (TO) Tonga; (W) Wales; (BH) British Honduras.

earlier held Percy Lewis to a draw) thus avenged the defeat that Smillie handed to Billy. . . . But no one expected to see the contest end in such a dramatic fashion. . . . Calvert will be heard of quite a lot in the days to come, for not only can he box, but he has the where-with-all that counts, "The Punch". . . . He is undefeated in six professional starts. . . . Another Northern prospect, Maurice Cullen, Shotton, 136, confirmed the good reports that I have written about him, when he brilliantly brought his opponent Pat Loughran, Belfast, 135¾, down to his size with solid straight lefts to the head and body for two rounds before he applied the "coup de grace" in the third, with a perfect right to the jaw, to crumple the game Loughran to the canvas for the full count. . . . John Bacon, Middlesborough, 137¾, reversed a previous defeat, by stopping Colin Mannock, Manchester, 136, in the fourth, the referee intervening. . . . Johnny Boston, Blackburn, 116½, outpointed Paddy Walmsley, Preston, 116½, in a hard fought six. . . . Brady Barlow, South Africa, 119½, was too experienced for Brian Cartwright, Birmingham, 116½, and won on points in six.

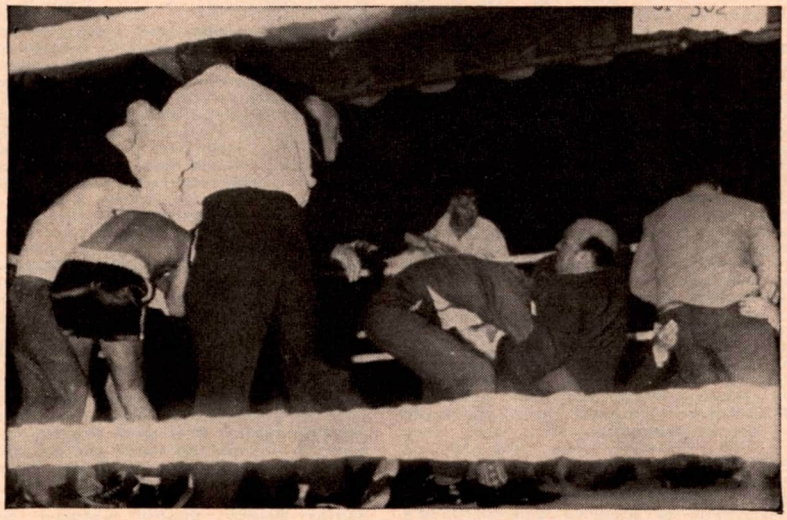
▶**PORTHCAWL** . . . One can feel sorry for Promoter Sir Leslie Joseph and his matchmaker Con Beynon for the ugly happenings at their open air show. . . . Only one month back we saw an ugly riot when Dick Richardson was ruled out against Mike DeJohn, and now to rub it in, Brian London, Blackpool, 210, was forced to retire at the end of the eighth against Dick Richardson, Newport, 204, for the latters European heavyweight title. . . . To sum up the contest I can truthfully say that Brian London lost the title because he lost his head at the end of the seventh round. . . . He held a commanding lead by then, but after appealing to referee Andy Smyth of Belfast three times that Richardson had butted him. . . . Referee Smyth had a difficult task for they were two of a kind, and on several occasions he admonished both boxers. . . . Whatever boxing was seen, was that of the challenger in the center of the ring coaxing his taller opponent to come and have a fight. . . . Before the bell went for the eighth, London was quickly out of his corner and ready to shoot punches at Richardson in the latter's corner. The quick action of the referee, who stepped between them, averted an ugly scene. . . . As the bell sounded both boxers were cautioned by referee Smyth, that this rough work would have to be cut out or both would be sent to respective corners. . . . This had no effect on London who was bleeding badly from a cut left eye. An amazing scene of mauling, wrestling, with swinging blows by both fighters amid the uproar of the spectators cost him The European heavyweight title. . . . During the minutes rest after the eighth, referee Smyth inspected London's damaged eye and walked over to Richardson's corner and raised his hand as the winner, and it was later ascertained that London had retired.

Brian Curvis, Swansea, Empire welterweight champion, pounded Emile Vlaeminck, Belgian champion, around the ring for two rounds, then referee Bernard Murphy seeing the helpless state of the Belgian, wisely stepped in and stopped the one-sided bout in favour Curvis during the third. . . . Tanos Lambrianides, the hard hitting Greek, now living in Cardiff, had Jimmy Lawson, Middlesborough, on the canvas twice during the first and when he again had Lawson on the deck for two counts in the second, the referee stopped the one-sided bout in favour of Lambrianides. . . . Brian Smith, Porthcawl, won his second professional bout with a good points win over Peter Delbridge, Pyle, in a featherweight bout in six. . . . Harry Carroll, Cardiff, stopped Andy Hayford, Ghana, in the second. . . . Carroll is undefeated and a good prospect for higher honours. . . . Both weighed inside 128 pounds.

▶**STREATHAM** . . . One can feel sorry for Promoter Stan Baker, for the disappointments that he had in staging this show. . . . First he had an attractive match in which Dave Charnley, British, European and Empire champion was to meet Johnny Van Rensberg of South Africa. . . . The show was postponed when Charnley went down with a chill. . . . The promoter, wanting to keep faith with his followers, decided that he could not wait any longer for Charnley to get fit again, brought in Guy Gracia, The French lightweight who had defeated Charnley & Willie Toweel, but the response of the paying public left a big deficit in the takings. . . . Gracia, 137¾, defeated Van Rensberg, 134½, on points in a poor contest by his better punching and willing to make a fight of what looked like a poor bout. . . . The South African for the first five rounds hardly struck a good blow as he retreated around the ring flicking and slapping with the inside of the glove about which referee warned him several times. . . . During the latter part of the ten rounds in which The Springbok was getting tired Gracia connected with the only blows worth while to receive the decision. . . . Billy Kelly, Derry, was again unfortunate to have to retire with a "Cut Eye" at the end of the fifth, although he had a good points lead at the time against Peter Heath, Coventry, who was declared the winner. . . . Both weighed inside 137. . . . Dave Stone, Battersea, 136¾, outpointed Teddy Best, Cardiff, 140, in eight hard fought rounds. . . . Al McCarthy, Romford, 126¼, and Mick Greaves, Leicester, 126¼, put up a very good bout in which McCarthy deserved his points win after an interesting six. . . . Harry Scott, Bootle, 160½, outpointed Dave George, Woking, 154¾, in a hectic bout of six rounds. . . . Billy Secular, Walworth, 133, was declared the winner over Bert Humphries, West Ham, 131¾, at the end of the fifth, when the latter was forced to retire with a very bad cut eye.

draw, when their noggins collided. Al Franklin, 127, Oklahoma City, whipped Tano Serna, 127½, Austin, in an eight rounder. Vic Graffio, 133½, Port Arthur southpaw, stopped Leon Amie, 134, in the fifth. Thomas Draper, 113½, tkayoed Steven Mannino, 114½, in the fourth. Baltazar "Junior" Flores, 125, Port Arthur, hammered out a four round win over Artie Clark, 124½, Austin.

▶**San Antonio, Texas, Alamo Boxing Club,** Santiago Gutierrez, 158, San Antonio, roughhoused his way to a ten round victory over capable Karl Heinz Guder, 158, the German who fights out of Los Angeles. Walt Varez, 139, kayoed Lalo Varelo, 133, in the seventh round of a pleasing battle. Benny Castillo, 149, San Antonio's highly regarded youngster, decisioned Sam Gray, 147, in an interesting six. Luis Leija, 118½, outdueled Rafael Sotelo, 125, in a six. Willis Earls, 166,



This is the riotous ending of the Richardson-London fight after the referee stopped the action. Brian (left) is busy grappling with a fan, while his Dad, ex Empire champion, Jack (center) wrestles with another of the fans who stormed the ring, providing the fans with more action than had the contest.

TEXAS BOXING NEWS
By Harlan Haas

HARLINGEN, TEXAS, William H. McGee, Promoter Santiago Gutierrez, 158, San Antonio, cut loose with a barrage of blows in the fourth round to finish off Manuel Gutierrez (no kin), 151, Brownsville. Santiago is the Texas middleweight champ. In other bouts, Elias "Gallito" Reyes, 131, Brownsville, tkayoed the veteran Gil Tapia, 135, San Antonio, in the fourth; Ruben Herrera, 130, hammered out a surprising win over experienced Gustavo Carrera, 128, in an action packed six; Luis Leija, 117, stopped Gerardo Isoba, 114, in the fifth heat.

▶**El Paso, Texas,** G. R. Licona, Promoter Ricardo Lara, 120½, fast rising youngster, tkayoed Anofre Dominguez, 118½, after four rounds of action. Alfredo Rodriguez, 118, stopped Jesus Castillo, 122, in the fourth. Curtis Cokes, 144½, took Pedro Ruiz, 148½, out of the picture in the third. Cosme Rodriguez, 129, tkayoed Wayne Mims, 130, in the third.

▶**Port Arthur, Texas,** Bill Plattsmier, Promoter Lawrence "Monk" Armstead, 141, New Orleans, came on like a house a fire to blast highly regarded young Manuel Gonzalez, 139, Odessa, into submission in the fifth round. It was a rip snorter while it lasted. Dom DiCarlo, 133, New Orleans, whipped much more experienced Tano Serna, 130½, Austin, in eight rounds. This Di Carlo, only 18 years of age, looks like a champ in the making if brought along correctly. Al Franklin, 127, Oklahoma City, iced Artie Clark, 126, Austin, in the third. George Johnson, 198, Oklahoma City, decisioned Bennie Lee Bowser, 186, Austin, in six.

▶**Brownsville, Texas,** George Samano, Promoter Jose Zapata, 156, poured the leather to Nicolas Torres, 160, and it was all over in the second round. Jorge Vela, 132, scored a six round knockout over Raymundo Aguirre, 134, in the sixth. Nicolas Reyes, 126, starched Gustavo Carrera, 130, in the fourth.

▶**Brownsville, Texas,** George Samano, Promoter Elias "Gallito" Reyes, 123, won by a technical knockout over the ringwise Bobby Garza, 128, Corpus Christi, in the eighth round. Gerardo Isoba, 113, decisioned Nicolas Reyes, 119, in eight fast rounds. George Sanchez, 155, and Nicolas Torres, drew in six.

▶**Port Arthur, Texas,** Bill Plattsmier, Promoter in the featured attraction, Henry Watson, 139½, Dallas, and Larry "Monk" Armstead, 138½, New Orleans, had their bout halted in the second and declared a technical whipped Alonzo Witherspoon, 165, in the four round curtain raiser.

▶**Brownsville, Texas,** George Samano, Promoter, Jose Zapata, 156, Brownsville, hammered out a 10-round victory over Manuel Gutierrez, 149, Brownsville. Antonio Ramirez, 118, won in eight rounds over Gerardo Isoba, 117; Nicolas Reyes, 120, decisioned Jorge Gomez, 118, in a six.

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EUROPEAN GOSSIP

BY CHARLIE PARISH

NOT much to report as boxing is striking its usual nadir everywhere excepting Spain and Italy, though two big shows were arranged in Germany. Gustav Scholz loosened up his sinews in preparation for future bouts against American foes, though on his showing against Johnny McCormack, "Gus the Great" has allowed himself to get out of condition. In Spain, Fred Galiana flashed back with some of his old brilliance, treating fans to a grand spectacle of brains versus raw strength when he defeated Manolo Garcia. In other parts of the world, continental boxers enjoyed varying fortunes. Three German fighters currently fighting in the States all met with defeat—Guder, Redl and Hans Wohlers—but in Australia, Herbert Schilling wound up his tour of the Antipodes by knocking out Stan Pedro and Heinie Forsythe. Chico Santos is still reaping dollars out California way but lost on his last outing while Aldo Pravisani of Italy scored a close win over Johnny Bracken in Australia. In Britain, Guy Garcia made a welcome return to action after an absence of eight months and added the scalp of Johnny Van Rensburg to his collection, but Emile Vlaemynck, Belgian welter king, was belted out by Cliff Curvis in jig-time. Tricky Assane Fakyh presented Wally Swift with a host of problems before losing via the points route to the British champion.

▶ **BERLIN, GERMANY.** Gustav Scholz appeared at the Deutschlandhalle in what was allegedly a warm-up bout prior to tackling Joey Giardello of America and Scotland's Johnny McCormack was brought over as sacrificial goat. What made the promotors pick on Cowboy Johnny to play that role is difficult to understand since the Scot had just whipped Garbelli in Malan, no easy task, and had also stopped tough George Aldridge in Glasgow. Although this was the off-season, some 8,500 fans came through the turnstiles but were disappointed in the main spot. Scholz, at 163, had two pounds pull in the weights but was lethargic and off color, no doubt feeling the effects of long sessions at the Berlin film studios, where he has been working. It was a battle of southpaws, McCormack also bearing some physical resemblance to Scholz. The Cowboy packs a hefty clout and is as game as a lion, his chief defect appears to be that of holding off when he should follow through. This was evident in the Scholz bout, but Johnny made it even going in the first four rounds. Scholz got cracking in the fifth and Mac came back hard in the sixth, no whit impressed by the German's accurate lefts. Scholz was too watchful to run into trouble, however, and outboxed the Scot in the succeeding rounds though McCormack was always ready to swap punches and seldom gave ground. The last rounds finished tamely and Scholz was given an unenthusiastic accolade by his public when awarded the decision.

Dieter Wemhoener, 173, came back to action after a severe attack of jaundice and whipped jaded Uwe Janssen, 178, over eight rounds. Ulli Nitschke inspired his supporters with a scintillating win over Kitione Lave, belting out the Tongan Terror in two rounds. Another visitor from Britain was that favorite of German rings, Alex Buxton, who weighed in at 172 against the 157 of Manfred Hass, subbing at last minute for Mildenberger. Hass proved much faster and more active than Alex and won narrowly over eight rounds. Erich Walter deserved more than a draw against Horst Borzoskowski in a hard middles eight, though the blond Danziger displayed tremendous energy and skill against his harder-hitting adversary.

▶ **MADRID, SPAIN.** Fred Galiana put on one of the best displays of boxing skill when he defended his national lightweight title against Manolo Garcia at the Sports Palace, a bout which attracted 12,000 fans. It was a battle of conflicting styles—Garcia the go-getter, always boring in to get at his opponent's body, Galiana laying more stress on science and skill. The rivals were for a long time both under the aegis of Jules Avernin and each knew the other man's style to the smallest detail but for all that, the fight was an action-packed affair. The elegant Galiana had no difficulty in outboxing his man during the opening rounds, but a wild rush by Garcia, during the third, brought about a clash of heads and a bad cut opened over Galiana's right eye. After that, Galiana lost no opportunity in lacing his foe, belting the charging Andalusian with savage uppercuts that seemed likely to tear his head from his shoulders.

Neat side-steps in best matador fashion were followed up by two-fisted attacks that had Garcia staggering valiantly into the wrong corner at the end of a round. Garcia's left eye was cut during the fourth but he gamely stayed the distance of 12 rounds, taking a shellacking in every session.

Galiana has hopes of challenging Dave Charnley for the European title before the end of the year, but it seems to us that he should first reverse that defeat against Campari before aiming at the champion. In Italy, Campari is considered a better fighter than Vecchiatto by the majority of experts, though this has to be demonstrated.

Luis Folledo won clearly over André Davier, French welter, who remained firmly esconsed behind a tortoise-like defense for all of the eight rounds. Still undefeated in some fifty pro starts, Folledo has yet to be satisfactorily tested by a worthwhile opponent. José Ungidos, the tough Basque welter, disposed of Embarek Limane in five rounds, the Moroccan's corner slinging in the towel after their man had taken unmeriful punishment. Kimbo Calderin lost prestige against Belarmino Fragoso, taking a count in the opening round and losing clearly to the Portuguese featherweight veteran.

▶ **MADRID, SPAIN.** At the Fiesta Alegre, Santos Seoane finally captured the national flyweight title, defeating Raton Osuna on points over 12 rounds. The new champion is no world-beater but at least a more conscientious one than Luis Gomez or José Ogazon. On the same card, José Ungidos trounced ring-worn Carmelo Beraza in a welter eight, Belarmino Fragoso nodded Ricardo Navarro in a feathers eight and Bernal beat Jiminez in a middles six.

▶ **PORTO TORRES, ITALY.** Franco Fiori, still considered a middles prospect, outscored the former Spanish champ, Francesco Frances, in ten rounds whilst at

▶ **PADERNO** Another Spaniard got his checks when Juan Crespo was beaten by promising Osvaldo Gerosa in a lightweight eight.

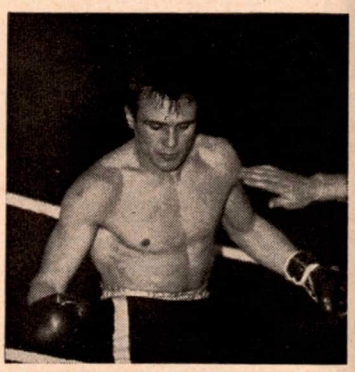
▶ **BARCELONA, SPAIN.** At the Gran Price, Antonio Lazaro beat an unknown bantam newcomer called Bobby Hernan over eight rounds whilst Vicente Ferrando belted out Horacio Valero in the opening round of their lightweight clash. Ferrando is an experienced younster who sports a tiger tattooed on his chest, a souvenir of his service in the Spanish Legion, the corps d'elite of Franco's Army.

▶ **IN MADRID,** Diego Infantes punched out an unenthusiastic win over modest Juan Ruiz in a welter eight and rising Enrique Lezaun beat José Bengoa in a lightie eight.

▶ **MELILLA, SPANISH MOROCCO.** Chato Ramos, nifty lightweight from the Canary Isles, showed a return to old form when he put the blinkers on Ramon Garriga, stopping his man in round six. José Sauret whipped Antonio Lopez Durban, now on the tobaggan, in a feathers eight.

▶ **BARCELONA, SPAIN.** Manolo Correa was rather surprisingly held to a draw by Fernando Bermudez, new arrival from the amateur ranks, in a very level cruiser eight at the Gran Price. Vicente "Tiger" Ferrando was again in action, stopping Gonzalo Romana in the sixth round of a lightweight slam.

▶ **CAGLIARI, ITALY.** Having lost his European title to Freddy Gilroy, Piero Rollo has once more begun to take an interest in the Italian title, held by Mario Sitri. Before a large crowd at the Amsicora Stadium, Rollo defeated the champion by an ample points margin over twelve rounds and is now setting his sights on Gilroy for a return clash. Two British visitors were defeated, Johnny Melfah, from Ghana, getting the worse of it against Fortunato Manca in a welter ten and the Indian flyweight, Pancho Bhatachaji, losing out to Salvatore Burruni over eight rounds.



Gustav Scholz, European champion whose victory over Scotland's "Cowboy" John McCormack was not up to the German's usual standard, although he won. John, a tough and durable southpaw, as is Scholz, made a fine showing.

▶ **MADRID, SPAIN.** Diego Infantes moved up into the middleweight ranks to dispose of former champion Francisco Ortega, repeating a previous win by halting the Valencian in seven rounds. Ricardo Navarro was held to a draw by Pedro Acebo in a feathers ten and Antonio Ramos, promising Basque feather, decisioned Perez Artero in eight rounds.

▶ **RIMINI, ITALY.** Franco Cavicchi enjoyed considerable weight advantage over the German cruiser, Horst Niche, but was unable to flatten the blond Berliner. Cavicchi won over ten rounds without much conviction. Ady Mueller, kid brother of Peter the Great, was lucky to win by a foul against experienced Franco Rosini in the fourth round of their lightweight debate and Juan Crespo suffered another defeat, being stopped by Carlo Morini in the second heat of their lightie scrap.

▶ **MADRID, SPAIN.** There was a packed house at the new Sports Palace when Fred Galiana set his record straight by ironing out a previous defeat by Guizani Rezgui of Tunisia. Rezgui was the Toledo Blade's first opponent on returning from his triumphant South American tour last year and the upset cost Galiana a deal of prestige; on this occasion, Galiana left nothing to chance and Rezgui resorted to every trick in the game to outsmart the Vengeful Spaniard. He was repeatedly warned for fouling and lost by a wide margin over ten rounds. José Ungidos prepared a warm welcome for Kid Daniel, returned from a fairly successful Italian tourney; after a hectic scramble, the Kid was obliged to retire in the seventh round of their welter slam with a badly cut eye. Luis Folledo, welter champion, chalked up yet another win by trouncing modest Marc Desfourneaux of France over eight rounds and in a bantam slam, Kimbo Calderin, from the Canary Isles, made up for his recent poor showing against Fragoso by knocking out Conrado Moreira, of Chile, in round two.

▶ **RIMINI, ITALY.** German boxers certainly got plenty of work in Italy this summer. Joe Buck, the pocket Marciano from Essen, was brought down to test out Ivan Tombolini, both men weighing 127. Tombolini tried hard for a quick win but Buck held his ground and fought back with good effect, though by the final gong Tombolini had earned sufficient points to gain a clear win. Salah Mousri, Syrian middles champion, 160, boxed well against Mario Bandoria, 160, but was adjudged the points loser over eight rounds whilst Ady Mueller had less luck than on his last visit, being stopped by Giorgio Giusti in the third round of a welter fray. Attendance was about 2,000.

▶ **SASSARI, ITALY.** German opponents were brought in to try out local Sardinian hopefuls of the Branchini stable. Frederico Friso was given his first task as Italian

CONTINENTAL RATINGS

FOR MONTH ENDING SEPT. 24, 1960

HEAVIES	CRUISERS	MIDDLES	WELTERS
1. Inge. Johansson (SW)	Erich Schoeppner (G)	Gustav Scholz (G)	Duilio Loi (I)
2. Hans Kalbfell (G)	Dieter Wemhoener (G)	Laszlo Papp (HY)	Bruno Visintin (I)
3. Mino Bozzano (I)	Giulio Rinaldi (I)	Franz Szuzina (G)	Fort. Manca (I)
4. Franco Vavicchi (I)	Germinal Ballarin (F)	Peter Mueller (G)	Chr. Christensen (D)
5. Toerner Ahsman (SW)	Paul Roux (F)	Andre Drille (F)	Hippolyte Annex (F)
6. Albert Westphal (G)	Karl Mildenberger (G)	Marcel.Pigou (F)	Giacomo Nervi (I)
7. Ulli Ritter (G)	Leen Jansen (H)	Gian. Garbelli (I)	Stefan Redl (G)
8. Ulli Nitzschke (G)	Helmut Ball (G)	Jean Ruellet (F)	Luis Folledo (S)
9. Ilkka Koski (FN)	Lennart Risberg (SW)	Manfred Hass (G)	Maurice Auzel (F)
10. Jose Gonzalez (S)	Pekka Kokkonen (FN)	Carl van Neste (B)	Diego Infantes (S)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERS	BANTAMS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Mario Vecchiatto (I)	Gracieux Lamperti (F)	Alphonse Halimi (F)	Risto Luukkonen (FN)
2. Sauveur Benamou (F)	Ray Nobile (I)	Piero Rollo (I)	Rene Libeer (F)
3. Aissa Hashas (F)	Sergio Caprari (I)	Pierre Cossemyns (B)	Young Martin (S)
4. Giordano Campari (I)	Manolo Garcia (S)	Mimun Ben Ali (S)	Salvatore Burruni (I)
5. Fred Galiana (S)	Jules Touan (F)	Mohamed Zarzi (F)	Jean Guerard (F)
6. Guy Gracia (F)	Rene Barriere (F)	Elysee Castre (F)	Albert Younsi (F)
7. Fernand Nollet (F)	Willi Quattuor (G)	Mario Sitri (I)	Pierre Rossi (I)
8. Laouari Godih (F)	Jose Martinez (S)	Federico Scarponi (I)	Edgar Basel (G)
9. Epiphane Akono (F)	Aldo Pravisani (I)	Mario D'Agata (I)	Angelo Rampin (I)
10. Guizani Rezgui (T)	Antoine Martin (F)	Kamara Diop (F)	Salvatore Manca (I)

LEGEND: B Belgium; D Denmark; F France; FN Finland; G Germany; H Holland; HY Hungary; I Italy; S Spain; SW Sweden; T Tunisia.

heavyweight champion, narrowly outpointing the young Berliner, Walter Haufft, over ten rounds. Salvatore Burruni had a difficult time in outscoring the former amateur ace, Edgar Basel, but came through strongly in the final rounds to swing the verdict in his favor. Wenzel Bociek, a Rhinelander of Czech descent, supplied the sensation of the program when he was pitted against undefeated Mario Altana, statutesque Sardinian cruiser with title aspirations. Altana had things his own way until the seventh, when a hefty right-hander copped the stylish local fighter on the chin and sent him sprawling on the deck. The gong saved him from a possible kayo but in the following round he once more walked slap into another steamhammer right and hit the floor; he regained his feet but the ref stopped further hostilities, despite Altana's lively protests and awarded the decision to Bociek. Franco Fiori defeated Emilio Avelli in a middles eight.

▶**BARCELONA, SPAIN.** Since Luis Romero retired, the land of the Dons has not had a worthwhile title-holder in the bantam division but henceforth Spain will have a worthy representative on the international front. Mimun Ben Ali moved up from the flyweight ranks to put an end to the squabblings of Carreno, Diaz and Torres by outscoring the current champion, Jose Torres, over twelve rounds. Mimun Ben Ali was born in Spanish Morcco twenty-one years ago and is undefeated in his last eleven bouts, although in that time he has fought in Venezuela, Italy, Finland and Algeria.

▶**SANTA CRUZ, SPAIN.** Manolo Garcia was still feeling the effect of the masterly beating handed him by Fred Galiana when he entered the ring here against second-rate Frank Garcia. The Catalan, somewhat erratic, was for once on top form and outclassed the aggressive Manolo Garcia in a close lightweight ten.

▶**POTENZA, ITALY.** Rocco Mazzola was not at his best in his second bout as a heavyweight, though spectators thought he got the better of Spaniard José Gonzales in their mauling ten here. The Spaniard showed signs of rustiness after his long layoff and was perhaps lucky to obtain a split decision.

▶**PESARO, ITALY.** Geppino Gentiletti resumed activity with another good points win, trimming tough Gino Rossi in a hard middles ten.

▶**AT CERVIA,** Vittorio Mancini outdistanced Retmia Mahrez of France in a welter ten and Paolo Melis stopped Hamouda Bouraoui of Algeria in the opening round of a middles debate.

▶**BERCK PLAGE, FRANCE.** Jean Ruellet, middleweight champion, kept active with a minor bout at this seaside town, defeating Edouard Lewko in a non-title bout over ten rounds, devoid of much incident.

▶**BIELEFELD, GERMANY.** Inactive since his defeat by Erich Schoeppner last April, Harry Ball surprisingly found himself the chief attraction on a program organized in his hometown, against the redoubtable Hamburger, Erwin Hack. This must be the first occasion since the war that Bielefeld has played host to professional boxing but 5,000 spectators made the show a financial success. Ball, veteran of American ringwars, though admittedly not against top-class men, was in excellent condition at 171, six pounds lighter than the Hamburg scrapper. No whit dismayed by Hack's southpaw stance, Ball went straight on his foe's mid-section and decked him with a savage left hook to the stomach. Badly shaken, Hack clambered to his feet at "9" but Ball pursued him and rammed another left hook at Hack's chin, followed by a right to the midriff. Hack crumpled to the floor but the gong saved him from immediate defeat. The Hamburger back-pedalled furiously in the second round; in the third he decided to gamble everything on a quick knockout. He stormed in with a hail of punches, Ball meeting him halfway, a smashing hook to the face shook Ball but a ripping left to the solar plexus sent Hack face-forwards to the floor. As he went down, Ball caught him with another right to the head and it was curtains for the plucky Hamburger.

Klaus Langhammer, 162, made an excellent job of beating Danny Holloway, 168, an American resident in Germany. The Berliner got the best of the exchanges and in the fourth round he nabbed Holloway with a short right hook that sent him reeling floorwards. Although on his feet at "7", Holloway was still rocking on his feet and the ref counted him out. Joe Buck, just returned from Italy, came up against Fritz Rings and was narrowly beaten over six rounds in a fast feathers brawl. Peter Goschka, 134, continued to show promise as a future star, beating Si Mohamed of Algeria, who gave up the uneven battle at the end of round three. Klaus Winkler, 154, got the nod over Georg Lauternbacher in a hard six-rounder.

▶**BARCELONA, SPAIN.** José Merayo, national feathers champion in the absence of José Luis Martinez, tackled blond Bergentino Cunado in a lightweight affair at the Gran Price. Merayo showed up better than expected and stopped Cunado in the sixth round. Antonio Lazaro was held to a draw by newcomer Bobby Hernan in a bantam eight.

▶**AT MELILLA,** former champion Antonio Diaz won over Jose Sauret in a bantam affair, Sauret being ruled out in the fourth round for repeated infringements.

▶**MADRID, SPAIN.** At the Campo del Gas, Diego Infantes was again in action, getting the nod over modest José Murgui in a monotonous welter ten. Kimbo Calderin, perky Canary Islander, was quite impressive against tearaway Rafael Gayo, besting the Madrileno in a fast feathers eight.

ARK-LA-TEX JABS
By Bill McIntyre

ALL WAS QUIET—The month with temperatures soaring was quiet on the fistic beat around the Ark-La-Tex.

No boxing shows were held at all and wrestling, on a minor scale, died out completely at Monroe and Springhill. A proposed lightweight battle between Floyd East of Lake Charles and Calvin Clary, former LSU mitt star from Baton Rouge, has yet to take place in either city.

One local professional did see action, however. Shreveport heavyweight Bill DeSoto, scaling close to 220 pounds, journeyed to Houston and succumbed in 5 rounds to unbeaten Tod Herrin. DeSoto was Herrin's 11th straight victim and 7th in a row by knockout.

On the amateur beat Marshall, Tex. held its first East Texas Invitational. Featured on that program was Pat Parrish, who battered out a heavyweight win over Shreveport's Pat Harrington, the Louisiana Golden Gloves champion. Parrish is expected to turn professional this fall—if he does tab him as a tremendous prospect.

BOXING IN JAMAICA
By Gillie Campbell

A FOUR EVENT CARD WAS PROMOTED AT SABINA PARK, KINGSTON, BY LLOYD HOSANG and irrespective of who suffered defeats one thing was certain namely, that this "young" promoter kept his record intact with a very successful show which wherever it was lacking in technical excellence fully compensated with action and excitement.

Main event was the lightweight title fight between Keiffer Edwards (champion) and Bunny Grant (challenger). Edwards, 29, entered the ring with a good reputation for ruggedness, fitness, and terrific punching power. He had fought all the best available and scored impressive KO's with his powerful right hooks. On the other hand Grant, 19, has been regarded as the best boxer produced locally in recent times and though lacking a K.O. punch is an effective combination puncher. The young challenger however proved most things wrong as he outshone the champion at his own game. Edwards entered the ring at 132 and was obviously not as fit and strong as in the past while his inactivity for nearly a year made him quite ring rusty. All the officials voted for Grant. The judges made it 147-141 and 147-131 and the referee made it 150-120. I saw it 147-139. The Premier the Hon. Norman Manley entered the ring & presented the championship belt to Grant.

The semi-final, another lightweight contest, proved one of the most eventful fights ever witnessed locally. Percy Hayles won on a majority decision over Kid Bassey.

Two weeks earlier Promoter Stanley Mair had put on another all local card at the George VI Memorial Park with all the fights going the distance and proving a good program all around. The main contestants were Charlie Baker, up and coming contender for the welter crown, and Kid Banga, former lightweight champion now fighting as a welter. It was 10 rounds of action in which the younger and fitter Baker withstood the rugged tactics of the more experienced Banga and had the fight all his own way from round 5 to the end. The decision for Baker was unanimous. Percy Hayles defeated Hart Grant in 8 with Grant barely beating the count in rounds 1 & 5 when dropped by Hayles. Lloyd Barnett won over Roy Glaves in 6.

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UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES
By Tom Ephrem

KENNY LANE WANTS A SECOND SHOT AT JOE BROWN'S LIGHTWEIGHT TITLE. Going by his par excellence performance against Doug Vaillant at Miami Beach, he richly deserves the chance, and 1,887 fans string along in agreement. The headliner, going to Lane unanimously was a thrill-packer all the way. Crafty Kenny, shorter and lighter at 136 (Vaillant at 141), had Referee Billy Regan voting for him, 98-94; Judge Barry Pearlman, 97-95, and Judge Stu Winston, 97-93. The gate was $3,094.50.

On the Lane-Vaillant undercard: Undefeated boxers Otho Brown and Marty Kaplan upheld their spotless records. Brown, recent winner of Ring Magazine's Best light-heavyweight prospect, took an eight from Joe Moss, 169 (to Otho's 163); Kaplan, 164, an art student at the University of Miami, preferred to "paint" on Dave Johnson, 10 pounds heavier, and knocked him out flatter than a pancake in the fourth with a left hook for his sixth consecutive victory. Tommy Stru, 199, TKOed Harold Brown, 196½, in the third, and Willie McCrary, 134, beat Perfecto Garcia, 131, in a four.

▶Maybe Freddie Blades is on his way. This Fort Lauderdale light-heavyweight who disappointed followers in his last outing, that against Texan Donnie Fleeman, offered high hopes with a fine upset 10 round win over ranking Sonny Ray at Miami Beach. Blades boxed and punched his way for the unanimous nod although there was a scare in the last frame when Ray, of Chicago made a do-or-die effort to pull the chestnuts out the fire. He dropped Freddie with a right cross only to see Blades get right back up and go after him. The crowd, 1,391 ($2,378.50), roared as both slugged away to the last. Referee Mike Kaplan, former welterweight ace, scored it, 98-93: Judge Eddie Thal, 99-95, and Judge Gus Jacobson, 96-95.

The record of Otha Brown, 164, nary a loss, was somewhat blurred when Tony Mascia-relli, 167½, held him to a draw (program states eight rounds); Billy Stephan, undefeated, 186½, added one more to his list when he stopped Roosevelt Luggin, 188, in the second round. Marty Kaplan, of University of Miami, decisioned Eddie Quince, 162 (Marty, 161), in a four rounder. Ray Estepa, 137½, defeated Billy Orias, 131½.

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▶Ever hear from a "dead" man? We have that distinction. You may ask who was the "dead" man. The reply, "Jim Downing", long known in Florida as a former fight and wrestling promoter. It so happened Dan Parker's column in the New York Daily Mirror had Jim, now a resident of Moab, Utah, in the "orbituary". Jim is very much alive and still kicking. He is active and has been for eight years in the mining business.

▶When Spain's Ponce de Leon sought the Fountain of Youth, he discovered in 1513 the most beautiful of lands, Florida. Four hundred and forty-seven years later, Allan Harman, middleweight champ of Jamaica, discovered he had a left hand, in Florida. Harmon was making his American boxing debut at Miami Beach against Sal Fuentes when this came about. Allan was behind on points in the first three rounds. Then he uncorked a hard left hook to the wind region, followed by a grazing right to the whiskers and Fuentes went down, got up and staggered to another corner. Here, Referee Davey Feld interfered. The winner weighed 160¼, and the loser, from Cuba, 157. Tony Alongi, one of The Ring's honored heavyweight prospects, kept going strong. Tony, 192½, stopped Norman Wright, 194, in the first round. He remains undefeated. Hilton Smith, 129½, took six from Clarence Jackson, 137. Tommy Stru, 198, fought a four round draw with Aaron Beasley, 181½. Ray Estepa, 130½, again split-decisioned Billy Orias, 133, in eight.

HALIFAX, CANADA
By Fred Bishop

ONE INTERESTING NOTE WAS THE RETIREMENT OF OUR LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION, RICHIE 'KID' HOWARD OF HALIFAX. Howard picked up the Canadian Title in Sept. 1954 by outpointing rough Armand Savoie in twelve rounds. Dick packed in 109 fights from 1945 through 1959 and in each and every one gave his all, his overall record reads: 109-79-27-3, with 15 kayo's.

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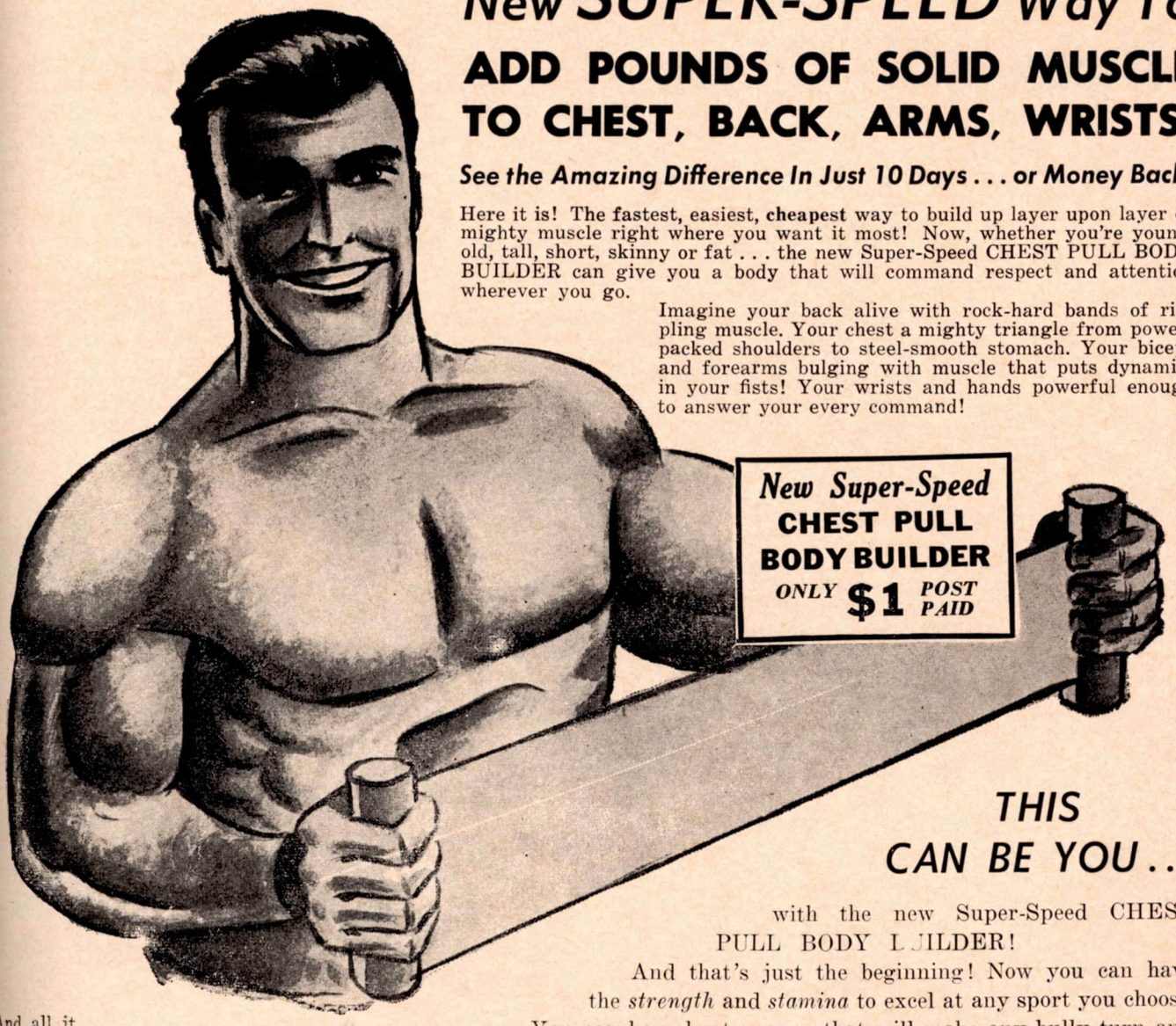

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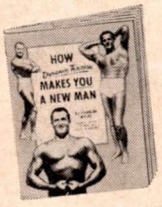

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